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Hartwick Pines' "critter walk" draws a crowd

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Black bears aren't always black. Sometimes they're white. There are at least 1,700 people in Crawford County and the surrounding areas who know this unusual animal fact, thanks to Hartwick Pines' "Critters in the Moonlight Halloween Walk."

The fourth annual event took place near the State Park's picnic area last Saturday. It

attracted the largest crowd the event has ever seen on a single day, with cars parked in the woods and a line that stretched into the parking lot.

Although these sorts of lines are common at theme parks, it is somewhat unusual to see this much interest in a primarily educational event.

"It was a huge night. Huge," said program developer Pam Engel.

From 6:30 p.m. until 9:30

p.m., park patrons traveled through a wooded park path illuminated by jack-o'-lanterns. Instead of the usual spooky specters, this Halloween walk was filled with informative animals.

"You don't have to worry about the real young kids getting scared," said park historian Rob Burg.

Burg said that offering an educational program was a natural choice for Hartwick Pines.

"It's part of our mission here at the park," said Burg.

Area resident Ryan Nelson, who attended the event with his daughters McKenzie and Cherise, agreed that the educational angle was a smart choice for kids.

"I liked that they learned something. It wasn't your typical Halloween haunted woods," said Nelson.

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Clinton Hughes played a black bear at the "Critters in the Moonlight Halloween Walk" last Saturday. The event drew a massive crowd. "It was just overwhelming," said program developer Pam Engel.

Local students step into World War II history

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

There's a difference between knowing American history and living it. Grayling High School (GHS) students recently had the opportunity to interview a panel of men who participated in one of the most historically important events of the 20th Century.

Last Tuesday, members of the GHS Student Senate participated in a special question and answer session with six World War II veterans, three of whom are from Crawford County. The event took place at Mercy Manor.

"I wouldn't go through it again for a million dollars, but I wouldn't take a million dollars for what I went through," said Jim Brown, who joined the marines on Pearl Harbor Day.

Joining Brown on the panel were Ramira Rendon, Leo Post, Bob Strehle, Gerald Kellogg and Walter Zelinsky. Each of these men fought in World War II as a member of the Marines, the Army or the Navy.

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Grayling High School students packed Mercy Manor for the opportunity to interview World War II veterans last Tuesday. Panel members included (from left): Jim Brown, Ramira Rendon, Leo Post, Bob Strehle and Gerald Kellogg. Not pictured is Walter Zelinsky.

repairing a one and a half mile stretch on North Higgins Lake Drive. The road commission is receiving \$300,000 from the state for that project, since the road is used to access the North Higgins Lake State Park. The Roscommon County Road Commission and Gerrish Township also contributed funding for that project, since it is on the county line.

The five-year, one-mill proposal would fund the reconstruction and maintenance of county roads done by the Crawford County Road Commission. The millage, if approved by voters, would generate about \$543,000 per year for road repairs and maintenance.

Road commissioners are seeking financial support from Crawford County taxpayers, since state revenues from the Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF), money collected from gasoline taxes, weight taxes and license registration fees, has been decreasing since 2003. That has resulted in the road commission not replacing employees that have retired and cutting back on equipment purchases and overtime expenses.

During the summer road construction season, the Crawford County Road Commission was only able to complete a pair of projects due to budget woes. The first project included reconstructing and paving a two and a half-mile stretch of North Down River Road between Wakeley Bridge Road and Stephan Bridge Road. The road commission had to bank its state and federal funding for a couple of years to complete that job.

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Citizens volunteer to mediate fire department battle

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A group of Grayling area residents has been impaneled to try to find common ground between the City of Grayling and Grayling Charter township officials over a fire department dispute.

About 50 people attended a public hearing, held by the Grayling Charter Township Board last week, to discuss the future administration of the Grayling City/Township Fire Department.

In January, the township board authorized a lawsuit against the City of Grayling. Township officials were seeking the return of a committee of township and city officials to oversee the operations of the Grayling City/Township Fire Department.

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Chamber hires full-time office manager

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce has a new face in the office handling day-to-day business as the organization moves forward.

Theresa Compton began her duties as the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce's office manager on Monday, Oct. 13.

Mark Gurnow, the chairman of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, said 250 people applied for the position. A field of 10 applicants were interviewed by the board and Compton was selected from two finalists for the position.

Gurnow said that Compton has a background in accounting, bookkeeping and dealing with the public.

"We're glad to have her on board so we can start getting things moving forward," Gurnow said. "She's going to be out there and is going to be the face of the chamber and she has got those very important people skills. The board is a volunteer group and we need somebody like Theresa in the chamber on a day-to-day basis."

Compton has worked for four years at the Crawford Roscommon Soil Conservation District, working her way up from office manager to administrator. She has worked with a number of local county and city officials, has worked with non-profit organizations, has worked with volunteers and is familiar

with the Grayling community. Her position with the Crawford Roscommon Soil Conservation District was eliminated last year, due to state budget cuts. Prior to joining the chamber, Compton worked as an office manager for a local construction firm.

Compton said that she looks forward to working with businesses, area residents and tourists, helping serve the chamber's role in Grayling.

"We're a gateway to the community," Compton said. "I'm hoping that, with my knowledge and experience, I can bring a lot of good to the table here."

Compton will be in the chamber office from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. She said she looks forward to working with business owners and volunteers as she begins to take on chamber functions and activities.

Next, Gurnow said the chamber board is seeking to add new members. In August, Lanice Rutter, a past chairwoman for the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, submitted a letter of resignation as she neared the end of her term on the board. Jedy Hood, who was serving as chairwoman of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, also resigned from the board.

Kim Millikin, the chamber's interim executive director, resigned from her position. Millikin, a former chamber board and ambassador member, was filling in the place of former Chamber Director Tim Zigila.

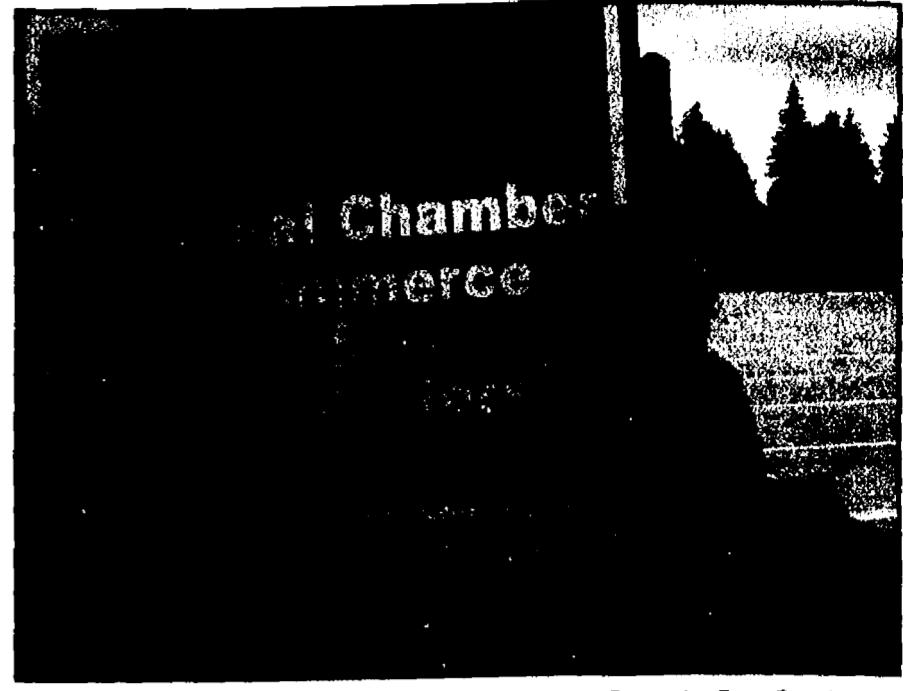


Photo by Dan Sanderson

Theresa Compton (above) began her duties as the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce's office manager on Monday, Oct. 13. Compton will be in the chamber office from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Zigila was laid off last year, after serving eight years with the chamber, due to budget issues.

Kathy Thomas, the former chamber office coordinator, was laid off earlier this year after seven years with the organization.

The chamber board currently has seven members. The charter for the organization says it can have up to 16 members. Gurnow encourages people seeking to volunteer for the chamber board to submit a letter of interest to Compton.

Gurnow said the board is seeking input from new members as it continues to work on the vision and mission of the organization.

"It's not right as a small board to try and do all the things we need to do," Gurnow said.

Gurnow added that bills for annual dues for the chamber will be sent out next month. He said that the board seeks the continued backing of the business community and encourages anyone with ideas for the chamber to direct them to Compton or to board members.

"We feel like we've really got the support we need from the residents and the business community and they have reminded us that they really want their chamber to be successful," Gurnow said.

Lake Margrethe dredging project recommended

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Members of the Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association are hoping to have a dredging project completed on an outlet to the lake to help manage water levels.

The lake association has undertaken the responsibility to manage the levels of Lake Margrethe for the Crawford County Road Commission for the last 15 years.

A court order, issued in 1974 in accordance with the Inland Lakes Level Act, mandated that the lake be maintained at 1,134.4 feet above sea level on April 30 of each year through Nov. 1, when boards at the dam located at the outlet of Lake Margrethe in Portage Creek are removed. The lake is then allowed to reach a lower level of 1,133.7 feet above

sea level on Nov. 1 of each year, continuing through April 30 of the following year, in order to prevent ice damage to the shoreline during the winter and spring thaw.

Over the last five to seven years, lake association members have been having difficulty reaching the summer ordered lake levels.

The problem has been caused due to the Portage Creek Dam and the water flow in Portage Creek not adequately reducing lake water levels quickly enough. High water and high winds have caused some areas of the Lake Margrethe shoreline to erode and flooding to occur.

"Ice just tears up banks and causes a tremendous amount of erosion all around the lake," said Chuck Spencer, the vice president of the Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association's Board of Directors, who is overseeing the lake level study.

Earlier this year, engineers from the Northwest Design Group of Petoskey completed a study on the lake level issue.

Engineers are recommending that cattails, located between the mouth of the lake and Portage Creek which obstruct water flow,

must be removed. A 15 foot wide by 150 foot stretch of Portage Creek, located between the mouth of the lake and a footbridge over the creek, needs to be dredged to remove sand and silt that has accumulated in the creek. Engineers are also recommending that Portage Creek Dam be operated to cleanse the channel. Finally, a sand trap would be installed downstream from the dredged area to reduce the impact of the dredging and extend the benefits of the dredging.

The Crawford County Road Commission, which oversees the office of the county drain commissioner, agreed to submit a dredging application to the Department of Environmental Quality for the project.

"They have been trying to get a handle on the lake levels the best they can," said Don Babcock, the managing director for the Crawford County Road Commission. "If we get some heavy rainfalls, they can't drain the lake fast enough, so hopefully this will help cure or help them solve the problem."

The estimated cost for the dredging is \$30,000. The lake association will seek funds from

Camp Grayling, Grayling Charter Township and Crawford County to assist with the project. Huron Pines will be asked to administer and oversee the dredging project.

Spencer said that the lake association hopes to have the dredging done before the end of the year, in order to achieve the mandated winter lake levels.

"It's quite a complicated process," Spencer said. "We have our fingers crossed that we can get this done as soon as possible to correct the levels and not have an impact on our resident fish population during spring spawning."

In addition to the dredging project, the boards at the Portage Creek Dam used to control the lake level will be replaced. AJD Forest Products has donated timber for the dam upgrade and Crawford County Road Commission employees will install the new dam boards.

"The new dam boards are needed to help us manage the water levels and this is a huge help that will go along with the dredging operation," said Joe Porter, the president of the Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association.

Man charged after local crime spree

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A 19-year-old Grayling man was charged for over a dozen crimes after he broke into the home of an elderly couple earlier this month.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said that Keith Revord was arrested for breaking and entering an occupied residence, 11 larcenies from vehicles and breaking and entering a garage. All the crimes occurred earlier this month in the Airport Subdivision in Grayling

Township.

Revord is accused of breaking into the house of an elderly couple while they were still at home. The man in the home had gotten up and made some coffee, then fell asleep in a chair, Wakefield said. As Revord was attempting to enter a bedroom in the home, the woman noticed him and asked him why he was in the home, Wakefield said. Revord claimed that the man had given him permission to use the bathroom, then fled the home, Wakefield said. When the

woman questioned her husband about the stranger in the home, they went to the window and saw Revord running across their lawn. The couple gave a description to Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies.

Deputies were able to locate Revord, who was wanted on an unrelated warrant. During questioning after his arrest, Revord allegedly confessed to the other crimes, Wakefield said.

Revord is being held in the Crawford County Jail in lieu of a \$10,000 bond.

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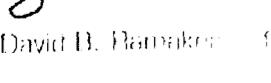
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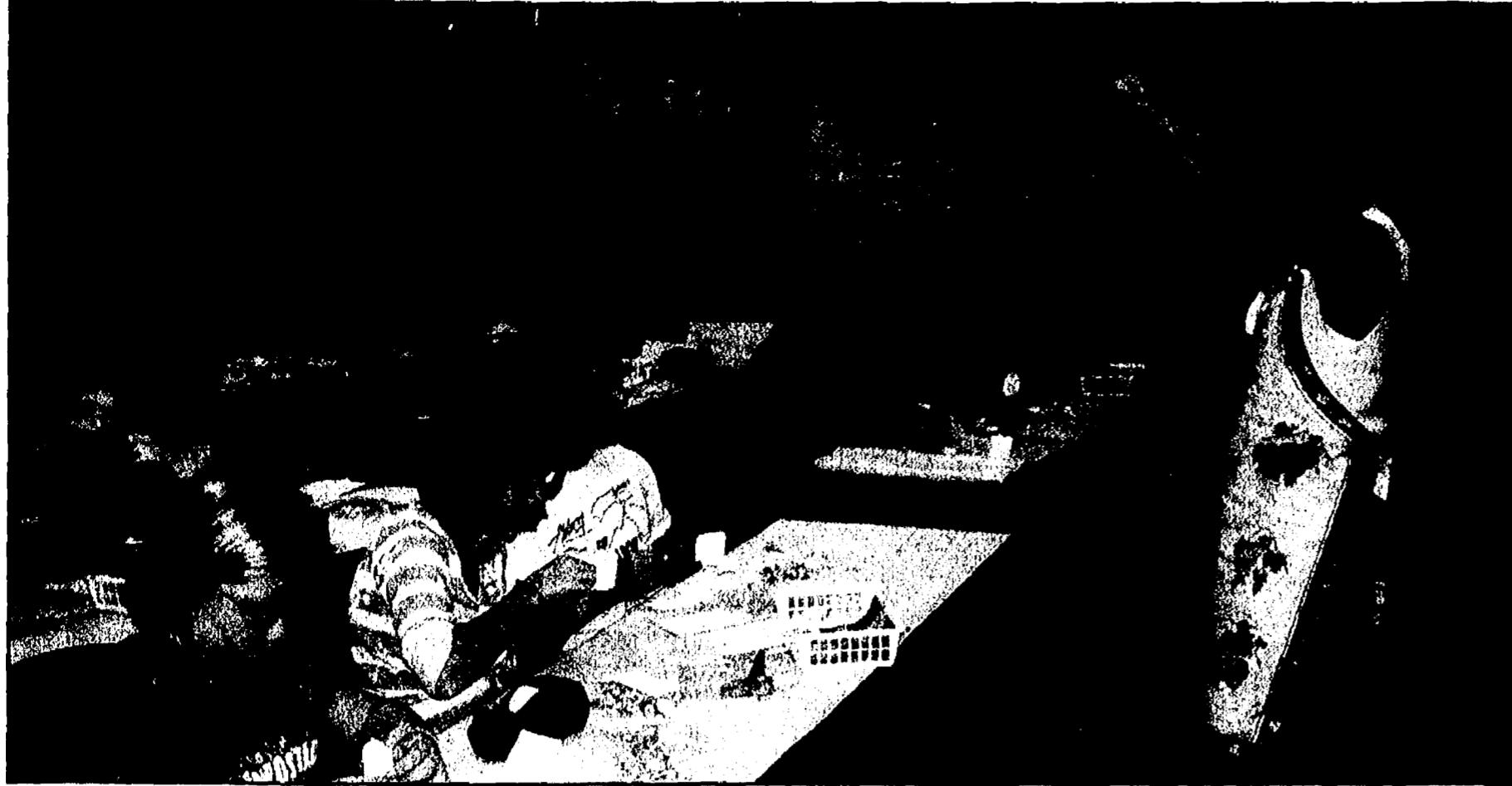
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Jane Gyulveszi instructs kids during an "American Girl" program session on Oct. 14. The program is about having fun while also introducing kids to their local library. A counterpart boys' program starts in November.

American Girl program promotes hands-on learning

by Matt Seager

Staff Writer

Food, fun and reading are all words that go together at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library. This Tuesday, the library wrapped up its "American Girl" program, a series of events that offered young girls plenty of entertainment while promoting reading.

"The kids are learning history and they're having so much fun they don't even know it," said librarian Jane Gyulveszi.

"American Girl" is a children's book series that focuses on historical fiction. The stories highlight key moments in American history and are typically told from the perspective of a nine or 10-year-old girl.

Training for digital television conversion slated

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

The Michigan Association of Broadcasters and Michigan National Guard have teamed up to prepare the public for the conversion to digital television which will take place in February.

The Michigan Association of Broadcasters is hosting a statewide digital television preparedness training session at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 23, at Camp Grayling's Long Distance Learning Center, which is Building 329A. Broadcasters are hosting similar sessions at 18 other Michigan National Guard facilities across the state.

On February 17, 2009, TV stations in the United States will comply with a Federal Communications Commission mandate and will discontinue airing all programming in the analog format that consumers have been watching since commercial television began in 1941. The improvements will enhance the picture and sound quality of programs. In addition, television stations can multi-cast programming in the digital format, offering multiple programs simultaneously and more choices for viewers.

Besides upgrades for television viewers, the Federal Communications Commission is mandating the change to digital television as a health, safety and welfare improvement.

Television and radio station signals are transmitted through a portion of the atmosphere called the electro-magnetic spectrum. Analog transmission of television signals takes up more space in this spectrum. By changing to the digital format, free space in the electro-magnetic spectrum will enhance communications for

"They research it and all of their authors are very good writers," said Gyulveszi.

In recent years, the book series has branched out to include everything from kids' cookbooks to jewelry making guides. The idea is to give kids a chance to have some hands-on fun.

"I think it's a good way for the girls to feel good about themselves," said Gyulveszi.

Once a year, Gyulveszi runs an after school program that is based in part on the book series. The program is directed toward primary and elementary school girls.

Gyulveszi runs the program with a different theme each year. This year's theme was called "It's a Small World." The October meetings made extensive use of

miniatures.

Area resident Laura Schans created a large "doll house" display for the program. Special guest Renee Wojdan, a local jewelry expert, helped girls make jewelry for dolls.

"I do try to get people who are in the community here involved," said Gyulveszi.

She feels that kids get a lot out of the weekly program.

"I think these programs are always a lot of fun and they're informative. It showcases what a beautiful library we have," said Gyulveszi.

She noted that the American Girl program gets kids into the library when they are young.

"There's something in the library for everybody and my job

is to get all those people in here," said Gyulveszi.

Like nearly all library programs, the American Girl sessions are offered free of charge. Parents simply need to sign their kids up for the program before it starts.

"Patrons get to come in and, for free, get a really nice program," said Gyulveszi.

Sign-ups are now available for a counterpart program called "The Camouflage Club." Taking place in November, this program is directed at boys in the same age group and will feature a tour of Camp Grayling.

American Girl will be back with an entirely new theme next fall. "I've already started thinking about what I'm going to do next year," said Gyulveszi.

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ISSUES AND OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Millman

Marijuana, stem cell decisions face voters

TWO COMPLICATED and controversial questions face Michigan voters on Nov. 4, and they really have nothing to do with partisan politics.

At the end of a long ballot topped by the question of who will be president for the next four years are two proposals to amend the Michigan constitution on questions of medicine and science.

Proposal One would legalize the use and growing of marijuana for medicinal purposes.

Proposal Two would expand the legal use of human embryos for scientific research.

The marijuana question has been making the rounds in Michigan for several years, but petition drives in the past have always come up short. This time enough signatures were collected, and medical use of marijuana must now be decided by Michigan voters.

Use of human embryos for stem cell research has been growing around the country and the world, but Michigan law restricts embryo use in several ways. Proposal Two would loosen those restrictions in significant ways and encourage intensified stem cell research.

Conscientious voters should study these issues before they go to their precincts to vote. The questions will appear at the end of the ballot, and if history repeats, many voters will either forget or decline to vote on them.

In an effort to be helpful, here is the exact wording as it appears on my absentee ballot.

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PROPOSAL 08-1

A LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO PERMIT THE USE AND CULTIVATION OF MARIJUANA FOR SPECIFIED MEDICAL CONDITIONS

The proposed law would:

- Permit physician approved use of marijuana by registered patients with debilitating medical conditions including cancer, glaucoma, HIV, AIDS, hepatitis C, MS and other conditions as may be approved by the Department of Community Health.

- Permit registered individuals to grow limited amounts of marijuana for qualifying patients in an enclosed, locked facility.

- Require Department of Community Health to establish an identification card system for patients qualified to use marijuana and individuals qualified to grow marijuana.

- Permit registered and unregistered patients and primary caregivers to assert medical reasons for using marijuana as a defense to any prosecution involving marijuana.

- Should this proposal be adopted?

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NUTSHELL ARGUMENTS — Proponents generally argue suffering patients should be entitled to smoke marijuana to ease pain, and this use of marijuana would not be harmful.

Opponents generally argue marijuana is a bad drug that leads to addiction and harder drug use, and should continue to be outlawed.

A variety of medical professionals have lined up on both sides of the question. Police generally oppose the idea.

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PROPOSAL 08-2

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ADDRESS HUMAN EMBRYO AND HUMAN EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH IN MICHIGAN

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Expand use of human

embryos for any research permitted under federal law subject to the following limits: the embryos

- are created for fertility treatment purposes;

- are not suitable for implantation or are in excess of clinical needs;

- would be discarded unless used for research;

- were donated by the person seeking fertility treatment.

- Provide that stem cells cannot be taken from human embryos more than 14 days after cell division begins.

- Prohibit any person from selling or purchasing human embryos for stem cell research.

- Prohibit state and local laws that prevent, restrict or discourage stem cell research, future therapies and cures.

Should this proposal be adopted?

* * *

NUTSHELL ARGUMENTS — Proponents generally argue that Michigan is behind other states in stem cell research and is losing out on a valuable economic opportunity, that destroying unused embryos is a waste of valuable tools for research.

Opponents generally argue the proposal goes too far and that the state should continue to exercise some controls, that human embryos are human life and should not be destroyed, that human cloning might be the next step.

Again, medical experts and scientists line up on both sides. The Catholic church and some other religious groups oppose the amendment.

Richard Millman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What is the matter with this town?

To the editor:

A week ago, my husband and I put up our Halloween decorations and lo and behold some fine people took it. This is not the first time things have happened to our home and our property. I am to the point that I don't want to live in this terrible town.

I was born and raised here and try to show pride in this town, but you live in a town where people disrespects each other and cause damage to other people's homes and property.

What have we taught our children? To take what is not theirs and disrespect the ones who try to defend them. My son is disappointed, as he and others have

enjoyed what we do.

So, my advice to you all is, don't decorate your homes because some low-life jerks are waiting in the bushes to steal it all.

So, if you recently received a Halloween blow up and it wasn't in a box, just know that it was stolen and return it to 705 Maple Street. No questions asked. We would like it back, it may restore what little faith we have left in this wonderful little town we live in.

Do you know where your children are?

Jill M. Stanley
Grayling

CCUW Care Night cancelled

To the editor:

Dear United Way supporters, due to slow ticket sales and response for donations, the board has voted to cancel Care Night on Oct. 25. We are planning to reschedule the event for February. All donated items will be held onto for the later date.

Please note that if you are selling raffle tickets for food in your belly, we are going to draw the

Community bamboozled by King David

To the editor:

I was at a Grayling Charter Township meeting recently that pertained to the Grayling City and Township Fire Department. I was shocked to see how many people there were misinformed about the fire department and willing to point fingers at Terry Wright as the problem.

The problem is not with the township, but with the city.

David Thayer, who has forcefully taken over the fire department, has given the Grayling Township Board, not just Terry Wright, no choice after communications broke down to protect Grayling Township with a lawsuit.

Also shocking to me, after living in the community for over 25 years, is just how easy it was for people to accept what King David and his court jesters (city council) were dishing out.

Until the people of Grayling hold their city council and King David accountable for their actions, how many more things that are not broken will be screwed up?

To the editor:

I know it took most people and myself at least five, if not 10 years, to prove themselves to the community and be accepted.

And, after only two years, what has David Thayer proven to the community? How bad can he screw things up, even if they are not broken. For instance, the public works department, the cemetery, the police department and now the fire department.

It saddens me to say that after at least 50 years or more of trust and growth together, it took only two years to destroy it.

Until the people of Grayling hold their city council and King David accountable for their actions, how many more things that are not broken will be screwed up?

Robert Dixon
Grayling

Let's move on

To the editor:

As a city of Grayling resident, it's about time a few facts came to light regarding the fire department conflict.

The population of the Charter Township of Grayling is approximately 7,500 people, about 83 percent of the combined city/township population.

There are about 1,500 people residing in the City of Grayling, 17 percent of the total.

The contract being offered by the city to the township for fire

protection services requires the township to pay only 60 percent of the operating costs.

It seems to me that the township is getting a terrific bargain for the money and should be glad to get such excellent service from a highly qualified fire department for a relatively small amount of money.

Terry, get off it, sign the agreement and let's move on to more important issues.

Ralph Stevens
Grayling

It would be nice to know events ahead of time

To the editor:

Oct. 3, we paid \$3.36 a gallon in Pontiac and when we got to Grayling, it was \$3.78 a gallon. We came home on Oct. 5 and gas in Pontiac was \$3.25 a gallon. The state should check into the station's in Grayling and the other towns around there and fine them.

Alice Wood
Pontiac

Editor's note: The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar online on our Web site crawfordcountyavalanche.com in which events are published weeks and months in advance.

Not eligible to run for trustee

To the editor:

I am currently on the ballot running for a Frederic Township Trustee position under the Democratic ticket.

After the primaries, I was notified that due to the Hatch Act, which prevents federal employees from running for a partisan office, I was not eligible to run

for trustee.

In order to comply with that Act, I must withdraw my name from the election and request that any voters who would have voted for me, now vote for one of the other three candidates.

Stephen C. Wilson
Frederic

GHS band gave a great performance

To the editor:

My husband and I went to see our granddaughter play as part of the Grayling High School band in the Thirby Marching Band Exhibition in Traverse City.

The band played well and marched extremely well. Peals

of delight were heard from the large audience as the band gave their flag presentation. Congratulations to Matt Bishop and the GHS band for a great performance.

Priscilla Geyer
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Special note for Camp Lejeune veterans

To the editor:

This notice was in my American Legion paper this month. I thought it might be of interest.

Attention veterans, if you were stationed at Camp Lejeune between 1957 - 1987, the Marine Corps is actively searching for you and your family members.

Unregulated chemicals were discovered in some of the water systems. The Marine Corps is funding health studies to determine when the drinking water

was contaminated.

You are asked to register with them either by calling their toll free number at 877-261-9782 or at their Web site at www.marines.mil.

You will receive information about the situation in the mail within 30 days of registering.

The article is submitted by Tim Hill, coordinator for FCAL Support-a-Soldier program.

Verna Swerden
Grayling

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Crawford County Avalanche.

BRIEFS

Church to celebrate anniversary

The Lovells Community Chapel, 8133 Bald Hill Rd., Lovells, will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Saturday, Oct. 25, at 3 p.m. A program of musical entertainment and short reflections by past and current pastors will be followed by a potluck dinner. Call 348-9567 or 786-5976 for information.

GPA presents Saline Fiddlers

The Saline Fiddlers will perform as part of the Grayling Promotional Association Entertainment Series with a special performance at the Grayling High School Joseph Stripe Auditorium on Saturday, Oct. 25. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with the show beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets are available \$12 for individual and \$10 for students/seniors. Family ticket packages are available. Tickets can be purchased in advance at Riverland, uptown Grayling, or at the door. For more information, call Riverland at 989-344-0047.

Church to hold concert

Bear Lake Christian Church, located on M-72 halfway between Grayling and Kalkaska, will host the Michelson Singers on Sunday, Oct. 26, at 6 p.m. A love offering will be taken for the singers.

History of logging camps to be presented

Hartwick Pines will present a history of the logging industry in the 1890s and the early 1900s on Sunday, Oct. 26, at 2 p.m. Grayling's Salling, Hanson and Company owned and logged the land that is now the state park. The presentation will be held at the Visitor Center and last about one hour. There is no cost, but a vehicle permit is required for entry. Refreshments will be available. For more information, call Rob Burg at 348-2537 or e-mail at burgr@michigan.gov.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

Habitat for Humanity of Crawford County is accepting applications for potential homeowners

Habitat for Humanity of Crawford County is accepting applications from families or individuals interested in becoming Habitat homeowners. The applications need to be submitted by Nov. 19, 2008. The organization anticipates it will build or rehabilitate one house this year and two houses next year. The house to be built will be at 505 Dale Street in Grayling and will be built in May of 2009.

"We're asking the community to help us spread the word that we are now accepting applications from families and individuals in need of safe, decent housing," explains Johanna Jurkovich of Habitat for Humanity of Crawford County. The three criteria used in the application process are housing need, ability to pay and willingness to partner.

To qualify for a Habitat for Humanity home, applicants must be living in substandard housing and have a stable income of 30-50 percent or less of the area median income.

To become a Habitat for Humanity homeowner, families must agree to help build their own house and agree to perform 250 hours of sweat equity per adult in the household. They are also required to take classes as

part of their transition from renters to owners. These classes include credit counseling and home maintenance.

"The classes are extremely important. We work with our families to help improve their credit, improve their budgeting skills and learn the basics of home maintenance, so when they become homeowners, they have the tools to be successful," explains Jurkovich.

When the home is completed, the family receives a "hand-up, not a hand-out" in the form of a no profit, zero interest mortgage.

"This is not a give-away program," explains Jurkovich. "Our families pay approximately \$350 per month, which includes homeowner's insurance, property taxes and the principal payment that supports the building of future Habitat homes."

For more information, or to learn about the application process to become a Habitat for Humanity homeowner, contact Johanna Jurkovich at 989-348-2920. Applications are available at Citizens Bank, Chemical Bank, Northland Credit Union or at the Habitat for Humanity office currently located inside the Century 21 office in Grayling.

MSHDA offers low-cost loans for home improvements

Income eligible homeowners with no equity may borrow up to \$25,000 from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) to make energy-efficiency improvements to their home. With equity, homeowners can borrow up to \$50,000.

"Making simple improvements, like increasing insulation or replacing an inefficient furnace or old windows, can reduce your energy costs by up to 50 percent," said MSHDA Executive Director Keith Molin.

There are Property Improvement Program loans of up to \$50,000 for single-family homeowners and \$100,000 for landlords (up to \$25,000 per unit). There are no income limits for landlords.

Eligible homeowners may have household incomes of up to \$74,750, depending on the location.

Town hall meeting on Chronic Wasting Disease scheduled in Grayling

The Michigan departments of Natural Resources and Agriculture and the Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) has scheduled a town hall meeting in Grayling on Wednesday, Oct. 29, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Grayling High School, located at 1135 N. Old US-27, prior to the firearm deer hunting season for the public to learn more about Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) and the state's response plan to manage the disease.

Other town hall meetings across the state are scheduled for:

Kalamazoo on Wednesday, Oct. 22. The meeting will take place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Kalamazoo Valley Community College in the auditorium. The auditorium is located at 6767 West O Ave. in Kalamazoo.

Marquette on Thursday, Oct. 23. The meeting will take place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Citizens Forum Room at Lakeview Arena, located at 401 E. Fair Ave. in Marquette.

Frankenmuth on Monday, Oct. 27. The meeting will take place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Bronner Theater, located at 525 E. Genesee in Frankenmuth.

At all meetings, staff from the DNR and MDA will present information on CWD and the

state's emergency response plan for the disease. A question-and-answer session, facilitated by MSUE, will follow the presentations.

On Aug. 25, the DNR and MDA confirmed the state's first case of CWD in a three-year-old privately-owned white-tailed deer in Kent County. It is still unknown how the animal became infected.

CWD is a fatal neurological disease that affects deer, elk and moose.

Infected animals display abnormal behaviors, loss of bodily functions and progressive weight loss. Current evidence suggests that the disease is transmitted through infectious, self-multiplying proteins (prions). Prions are normal cell proteins whose shape has been transformed, causing CWD. The disease is transmitted by exposure to saliva of infected animals. Susceptible animals can also acquire CWD by eating feces from an infected animal or soil contaminated by them.

Once contaminated, soil is thought to remain a source of infection for many years, making CWD a particularly difficult disease to eradicate.

More information about CWD is available online at www.michigan.gov/chronicwastingdisease.

Theatre group begins work on 'Our Town'

The Kirtland Community College Community Theatre group is already busy preparing for the April 2009 production of Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize winning play, "Our Town," and will soon announce when open auditions will be scheduled in late January.

"This will be one of the largest productions the Kirtland Community Theatre has performed," said Jerry Werle, who will direct the show. "The three-act play requires a cast of 25 actors and actresses, ranging in age from 11 to 65, some to play more than one role, and a small choir of at least six singers.

"We also need several people for our production crew of stage hands, sound and light technicians, make-up and properties technicians and costumers," Werle added. "In particular, we're looking for folks to help us find or make costumes from the early 1900s."

The popular play, first performed in 1938, takes place in the mythical small town of Grover's Corners, N.H.

"The play has a timeless quality and the events of the plot are transformed into universal experiences," said Don Wray, director of the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts. "We're sure there are many people in our area who have seen, heard about or participated in this wonderful play and who'd like to become involved in its production here."

Wray said open auditions for the 25-member cast will be scheduled for the end of January, with the play set to be performed on April 16-18, 2009, at the KCPA on the main campus of Kirtland Community College near Roscommon. Persons interested in volunteering for the production crew should contact Wray by calling 989-275-5000, extension 261, or via e-mail at wrayd@kirtland.edu.

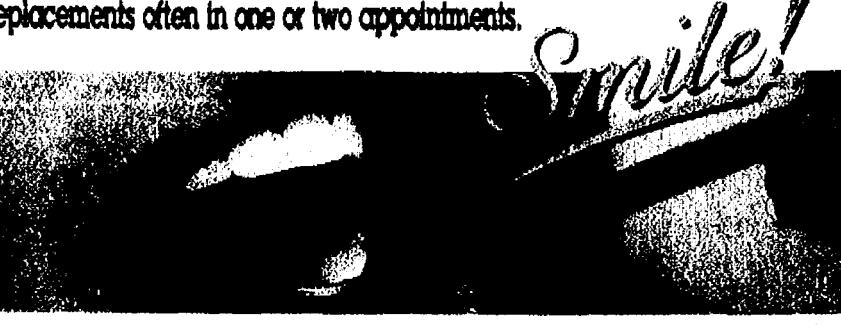
Exact time and dates for the open auditions have yet to be determined, though organizers expect to announce those dates in

the near future. Those wishing or interested in volunteering as part of the production crew, however, are encouraged to attend a meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 21, at the center for the performing arts.

For more information on the Kirtland Community Theatre group and updates on the "Our Town" production, call the KCPA office at 989-275-5000, extension 397, or visit online at <http://kirtland.edu/theatre>.

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The Bible Speaks

Creation Hopes in God

We studied Romans 8:19 last week: "19For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God." In Romans 8:20 we shall study creation's past problems and prophetic prospects. "20For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope."

First, we see the reality of creation's problems, "For the creature was made subject to vanity...." The sin and fall of Adam and Eve brought disease, disorder, death, and destruction upon all creation. This sin and fall resulted in the universal flood destroying the world of Noah's day. "13And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth." (Gen. 6:13). As Isaiah 24:5 says: "5The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant." Human sin has brought pain, problems, and punishment upon innocent creation.

Second, we study the reason creation has problems, "...not

willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope." Creation did nothing to be subjected to vanity. God placed the rest of creation under the curse of judgment resulting from human sin and the fall. "17And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; 18Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field." (Gen. 3:17,18). Humans failed as stewards over God's creation by their sin against God.

Third, we study the redemption from creation's problems by the hope we share at the return of Jesus Christ; "...him who hath subjected the same in hope." "1The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose." (Isaiah 35:1). "13Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the briar shall come up the myrtle tree; and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off." (Isaiah 55:13). "25The wolf and the lamb shall

feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD." (Isaiah 65:25). "7And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. 9They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea." (Isaiah 11:7-9).

Humans still recognize their God-given responsibility toward creation. This is obvious by their efforts toward environmental issues, concern for plants and animals, and the future of planet earth. But the only ultimate hope for creation is the return of our creator to restore all things. Do you know Him as your creator? Your redeemer? Your future hope? The return of our Lord Jesus Christ is drawing near! Pastor "B"

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AuSable Primary fall fund-raiser winners



During an assembly at the AuSable Primary School on Oct. 20, students who participated in a fall school fund-raiser waited anxiously to find out who the top selling winners were. Approximately half of the student population at AuSable Primary took part. Proceeds from this fund-raiser go directly to student activities and field trips. Pictured above are the students that earned special prizes for their hard work. Back row (L to R) Jordan Bondar (2nd grade), Emma Mertes (1st grade), Tiffany Heggie (1st grade), Stephanie Hagle (kindergarten), Dominick Perry (1st grade); front row (L to R) Kane Murphy (kindergarten), Emily Sajdak (2nd grade), Zach Osga (1st grade) and Madison Iwinski (2nd grade). Not pictured are Michael Roe (1st grade) and Brandy Tackett (1st grade).

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 83 complaints the week of Oct. 13 - Oct. 19:

Seventeen general non-criminal complaints, one delinquent minor, two false alarm activations, one assault/intimidation/

stalking, two burglaries/home invasions, one burglary-forced entry-residence, six larcenies, one motor vehicle theft, one fraudulent activity, three damage to properties, one damage to property-private property, six public peace/disorderlies, one

OUIL/UBAL, one health and safety, two miscellaneous criminal offenses, one miscellaneous arrest, 13 traffic accidents, three inspections/investigations-motor vehicle, one drug overdose, eight family troubles-domestic, nine suspicious situations and two

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If we can't come to an agreement with the city for co-administration, I will do whatever I am directed to do by my board of trustees. That's what I have always done, and that's what I will always do. The only authority I have comes from them.

There is no plot to have my own fire department, nor have there been promises to anyone that Grayling Township would have a full-time fire department. We will not have a full-time fire department. If any special assessment is approved it will come from the seven member board of trustees, of which I only have one vote (and I'm not in favor of a special assessment).

Unfortunately, our professional firemen are caught in the middle of this dispute. They want to know if they have a future as firemen, as do I. They want to know if fire coverage will continue in the township, as do I. They have been smart to stay out of the dispute, but they're worried, as am I.

The board of trustees will decide if the lawsuit continues or is dropped, just like it was a board decision to originally file it. I can't imagine where some people have gotten the idea that I am so all-powerful that I can make policy based on my own wishes. Grayling Charter Township speaks through the policies, procedures and decisions of the board of trustees. My job is to represent the board and carry out their policies, procedures and decisions.

I have read so many letters in the paper recently saying "according to my source," or "I hear," I'm going to do this or that. It's all a BUNCH of BULL. None of these people have had the courtesy and common sense to ask me anything about what I'm actually going to do, before writing their nasty letters.

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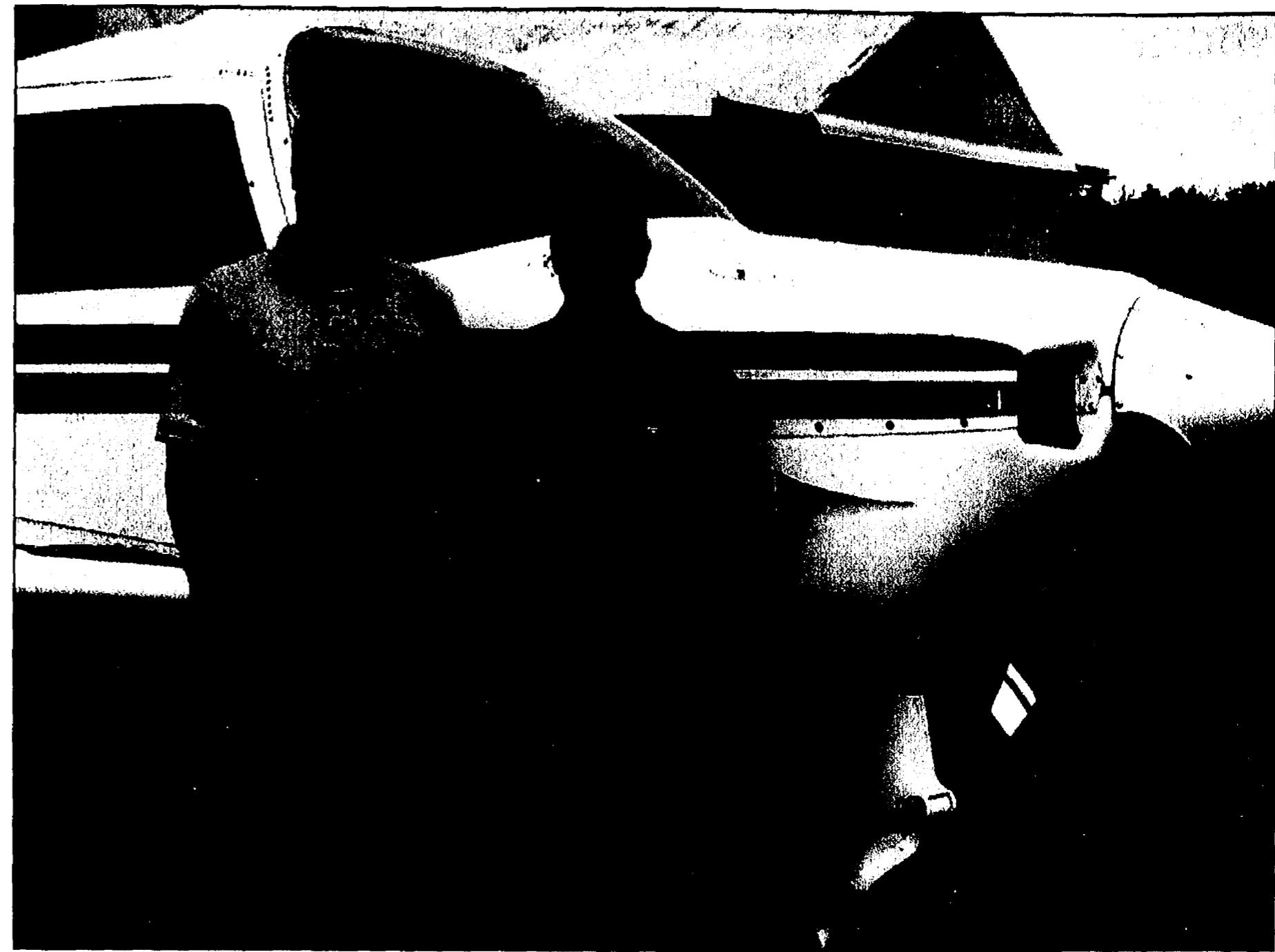
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Pictured here (from L to R) is Eric Jaroch, Roscommon County Blodgett Memorial Airport Manager and Cornerstone Aircraft Maintenance owner, and David Pflum, certified instrument flight instructor and co-owner of "Take Flight" licensed flight school.

Airport welcomes new flight school

A State of Michigan licensed flight school has "taken flight" at Roscommon County Blodgett

Memorial Airport. The newly formed business, Take Flight, is the joint effort of David Pflum, Certified Instrument Flight Instructor, and Eric Jaroch, airport manager and Cornerstone Aircraft Maintenance owner.

The flight school adds to the many services currently available at the airport, including aircraft maintenance and repair, indoor hangar storage, 24 hour aviation

and jet fuel, pilot's courtesy car, computer access to aviation weather and flight planning services.

For the past several years, Pflum has given private flight instruction in Roscommon County. Before flight instruction could begin, people interested in learning to fly had to own their own plane or join a limited membership flying club that owned a plane.

There were no rental aircraft in the area for prospective students. Pflum's passion for flying and all things related to aviation is evident in his goal to make a private pilot's license more accessible and affordable to the citizens of the area. With the formation of this licensed flight school, a Beechcraft B19 four place single engine airplane is now available to rent for flight instruction at

Roscommon County Blodgett Memorial Airport.

"There is a lot of misinformation about the skill and physical requirements to learn to fly," said Pflum. "Age is not a roadblock if the person is in reasonable health and has the desire to learn. I've trained a wide range of people from as young as my eight year old grandkids to 80 plus year old adults. Flying a private plane is not restricted to the wealthy. An investment of some time and a little money can give you something you always dreamed about."

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Michigan's tourism promotion goes national

by Nico Rubello
Capital News Service

People nationwide will see Michigan's woodlands and coastlines next year, without having to travel farther than their TV sets.

That's because the state's Pure Michigan Campaign will unleash a barrage of promotion nationwide next spring, including cable TV ads in all 50 states, thanks to an increase in state funding for tourism promotion. Members of Michigan's tourism industry say that marketing the state nationally will help boost its slumping economy.

The state will spend \$30 million on the campaign in the 2008-2009 fiscal year, up 71 percent from \$17.5 million this year.

Tourism, Michigan's third-largest industry behind manufacturing and agriculture, hasn't received the same level of state support as the other two, said Steven Yencich, president and chief executive officer of the

Michigan Lodging and Tourism Association.

"We don't have a product problem, we have a promotion problem," said Brad Ban Dommenen, president of the Traverse City Convention and Visitors Bureau. "It's just a significant product knowledge gap that's out there that can only be addressed through more aggressive marketing and building the brand of our state."

According to a state study, for every dollar spent on tourism promotion, Michigan received a return of two to three dollars in revenues, often within the same year, said George Zimmer, vice president of Travel Michigan, the state's official tourism promotion agency.

This means that a \$30 million investment would yield between \$60 and \$90 million in new sales tax revenues.

Mike McGuire, general manager of McGuire's Resort in Cadillac, said the state's eco-

nomic troubles have made people less likely to spend their time and money on a vacation.

"Obviously, we have some (economic) factors that are working against us," he said. "That added exposure is going to help Michigan tremendously."

Michigan has had the lowest hotel occupancy in the nation since 2005, Yencich said.

To a large measure, that's because we've been forced to become overly reliant on Michigan residents for tourism outcomes," he said.

Typically, 70 percent of the state's tourism industry comes from its residents, he added.

Senator Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, has proposed permanently taking a portion of the state's unallocated sales tax revenues for the Pure Michigan Campaign, but his bill has languished in committee since August 2007. The state currently appropriates funding for tourism advertising from general tax dol-

lars.

About 200 people, including representatives of the tourism industry, recently lobbied at the Capitol during a Senate committee hearing to support the bill.

"The importance of permanent funding for Pure Michigan is the best means to jump-start our state's economy and we know if you market tourism in March and April, tourists will come in June and July and the months that follow," Yencich said. "And, with those new tourists come jobs and new tax revenues for the state, both of which are sorely needed."

While the ads have been effective in bringing people to Northern Michigan, Wayne County benefits, too, as the No. 1 tourist destination in the state, Allen said.

"The Pure Michigan ads have been very effective in bringing families and individuals to our state," he said. "These ads helped cushion the down economy."

Hunters afield for bear season, but baiting violations found

by Charles Rotsch
Capital News Service

For John Cryderman of Sault Ste. Marie, the excitement of the hunt starts every July 15. That's when he can bring his hounds out and train them in preparation for tracking bears.

"For houndsmen, it's the pursuit, not the kill, they enjoy," he said.

The 2008 black bear season has closed in the Lower Peninsula, but the Upper Peninsula is open to hunt bears until Oct. 26.

The Lower Peninsula accounted for 16 percent of the 2,196 bears killed in the state in 2007, according to the Department of Natural Resources.

Matt Pedigo of Fenton, president of the Michigan Bear Hunters Association, hunts with hounds as well.

The night before a hunt, he and his party rake the dirt alongside a road. The next morning they check for tracks in the fresh dirt. When they find some, the dogs come in.

"I take a dog that's good at picking up a cold trail that's a few hours old," Pedigo said. Dogs follow the scent until they meet the bear.

The bear will sometimes climb a tree and that's when it's harvested.

The association is headquartered in East Jordan.

Pedigo said that bear-hunting with dogs is a rarity. Only about 20 percent of hunters use a dog pack. The rest use bait, he said.

Daryl Couturier of Leelanau is one of those bait-hunters.

It takes a lot of work, Couturier said, and uses everything edible

from fish scraps to jelly to attract bears.

Lieutenant Dan Hopkins, a DNR conservation officer in Gaylord, said, "Most violations this year were for baiting. Most of those were early baits, meaning they were legal but put out prior to the start of the season."

Hopkins said officers regularly find other infractions, such as hunters not wearing orange clothing, being unlicensed, trespassing or having more than six dogs in a pack.

Cryderman agreed, saying that he's seen all that this year and even things only a hunter runs into, like stolen cars and litter, deep in the woods.

In the latest figures available, 58 percent of violations from 1999-2003 were bait-related. Another 23 percent were for ille-

gally taking or possessing a bear, which carries a penalty of a \$200 to \$1,000 fine and five to 90 days in jail, plus \$1,500 restitution and license revocation.

Six percent of violations were for failing to attach a kill tag. Another six percent were for hunting without a license, and 5 percent were for hunting outside the dates on a license.

The final 2 percent came from not sealing a bear within 72 hours of killing it. Sealing requires taking the bear to a DNR office for a jaw tag. Without the tag, no butcher or taxidermist can legally handle it, according to Cryderman.

Hunters are allowed to bag one bear during the season. About one-quarter of hunters are successful in their pursuit, according to the DNR.

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Michelson members serve up harvest dinner

Photo by Dan Sanderson

The Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church held its annual harvest dinner, which included turkey and all the trimmings, last Thursday at the church. Proceeds from the dinner help fund community outreach projects, church activities and missionary projects supported by the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Women's organization. Above, Al Johnston and Marilyn Stevenson dish up a take-out order.

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Traverse City - The Dennos Museum Center at Northwestern Michigan College will present

The Czech Girls Choir, Jitro, Saturday, Oct. 25, at 8 p.m. in the Milliken Auditorium. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$28 at the door and \$22 for museum members.

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Traverse City - Stories, Scribbles and Wiggles. This program is for children ages 3 to 5 and their parents or grandparents.

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(ARA) - Do you ever find yourself at the grocery store struggling to remember what you came for? Are you forgetting birthdays and lunch dates? If these situations sound familiar to you, you're not alone. Forgetfulness is one of the most common complaints of those in middle age and beyond.

Memory loss and Alzheimer's disease rank high on the list of senior fears. Alzheimer's was the number one fear of aging, according to research conducted by Bankers Life and Casualty Company, a national life and health insurer that focuses on serving the retirement needs of the middle market. Similarly, a national poll by *Research! America* and *PARADE Magazine* showed that adults were more than twice as likely to fear losing their mental capacity as their physical ability. The good news is, according to researchers at John Hopkins, most memory loss has nothing to do with Alzheimer's disease.

Nearly all of us, they say, take more time to learn and recall information as we age.

There are simple things that you can do in your everyday life to increase your ability to retain information and exercise your brain.

Engage your brain.

Mentally stimulating activities strengthen brain cells and the connection between them. You can keep those cells in shape by giving them a workout.

Stay in touch.

Loneliness is linked to depression, a risk factor for memory loss. Try to keep your social network strong by volunteering or simply helping a neighbor. Make a conscious effort to stay connected with friends and relatives by visiting with them or keeping in touch by phone or e-mail.

Eat healthy.

Maintaining a balanced diet, low in saturated fats, is said to be better for cognitive functioning. In addition, the Alzheimer's Association notes growing evidence that a diet rich in dark vegetables and fruits - which contain antioxidants - may help protect brain cells.

Stay active.

Regular exercise can increase oxygen to the brain. It can also lower the risk for diseases that can lead to memory loss, such as diabetes and cardiovascular disease. Your doctor can help you develop an exercise regime that's best for you.

When to seek help.

"It's important to know the difference between normal forgetting and something more serious," says Scott Perry, president of Bankers Life and Casualty Company, who serves on the board of directors of his local Alzheimer's Association chapter.

Serious memory problems, according to the National Institute on Aging, are those that affect a person's ability to perform everyday activities. For example:

- Asking the same questions over and over.
- Becoming lost in familiar places.
- Not being able to follow directions.
- Getting very confused about

time, people and places.

- Losing interest in daily activities such as grooming and eating.

If you have concerns about your memory, talk to your doctor right away. For more topics of interest, visit www.bankers.com and click "Senior Resources."

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Which Medicare prescription drug plan is right for you?

by Alice Snyder
COA Director

Once a year, Medicare beneficiaries have the opportunity to review their current prescription drug coverage and switch plans. That time is right around the corner! Open enrollment for 2009 Medicare Prescription Drug

Plans will begin Nov. 15 and continue through Dec. 31. It is important that everyone take the time to review their drug costs and evaluate the changes in their plan for the coming year. You'll no doubt be getting bombarded with marketing materials from all the plans (there are 51 plans available in Michigan for 2009) and you'll begin seeing the marketing representatives at the stores. But, before you rush into switching plans, here are a few things to consider:

Are you eligible for the Extra Help available to pay for your coverage? There is help available to pay for the premiums, deductibles and co-payments for your Medicare Prescription Drug Plan. To be eligible, your income should be below \$1,300 per month (\$1,750 for a couple) and your resources (not counting your house and vehicle) should be below \$11,990 (\$23,970 for a couple). Applications for this assistance are processed by the Social Security Administration. You can apply online at www.ssa.gov or call them at 1-800-772-1213. Don't wait for open enrollment to apply — this can be done at anytime. Only certain plans work with the Extra Help, so make sure you have a plan that will accept the full Extra Help.

What kind of changes can I expect from my current drug plan

for 2009? Anything can change, including the premiums (average plan will increase 12%), deductibles (maximum amount increasing to \$298 for 2009), co-payments, restrictions and what drugs are covered. Some plans will even terminate. By Oct. 31, you should be notified by your current drug plan about any changes they will be making for 2009, including how your Extra Help status might change. All Medicare beneficiaries will be mailed a "Medicare & You 2009 Handbook." Keep the handbook as a reference guide. It includes all of the 2009 plan information. You can also go to www.medicare.gov to view data on all of the 2009 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans.

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- 2) You can enroll in a Medicare Advantage Plan, which will provide the drug coverage along with payments of Medicare deductibles and co-payments. If you participated in the GM

Vision and Dental Coverage, a Medicare Advantage Plan may offer a more similar set of benefits to your GM plan.

How do I compare all of this plan information? All of this information can be very confusing. Many beneficiaries struggle to sort through the different options and choose the right one for them. Here's some steps to follow:

Step 1: Collect information, costs for any current prescription drug coverage including premiums, deductibles and co-payments, out of pocket costs for prescription drugs, medications, dosages and how often you take them.

Step 2: Compare 2009 medicare drug plans to your current plan costs via the internet Web site at www.medicare.gov or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

Step 3: Call new 2009 top plan choices with any questions.

If you'd like some one-on-one assistance, the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program is available in Crawford County by calling the Crawford County Commission on Aging at (989) 348-7123. You can call for appointments after Nov. 1 to be scheduled between the open enrollment period of Nov. 15 – Dec. 31. One of our trained volunteers will be happy to meet with you at the Grayling Senior Center to review your coverage.

(Alice Snyder is the Director of the Crawford County Commission on Aging and Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program Coordinator.)

Lifestyle tips for managing arthritis pain

(NewsUSA) — One out of three adults in the U.S. suffers from arthritis or chronic joint problems, according to the Arthritis Foundation.

Some may get twinges upon awakening; others are so seriously and chronically debilitated that simply driving or washing the dishes causes agony.

Either way, arthritis is a major health problem. Whether you want to prevent contracting the disease or decrease the symptoms if you already have it, here are some steps you can take toward relief:

- Exercise. Regular physical activity strengthens the muscles that support arthritic joints, increases range of motion in the joints and, by reducing body weight, lessens the load the joints must bear.

- Find a hobby. The Arthritis Foundation reports that hobbies can have a positive effect on pain management by diverting the mind's attention away from physical and psychological pain. In a 2005 study, doctors found that older people with arthritis who listened to music for 20 minutes daily had less pain than those who simply sat and did nothing for the same length of time.

- Try supplements. You don't need a doctor's prescription to try a variety of supplements.

- Get more sleep. Inadequate sleep leads to an increase in arthritis pain and to a gain in weight, which stresses the joints even more.

- Eat well. Certain foods may help prevent arthritis or help reduce its symptoms. Specifically, the following could make a difference: omega-3 fatty acids (found in coldwater fish, walnuts and soybean kernels); selenium, an antioxidant in shellfish and whole-grain products; vitamin D (sources include eggs, fortified breads, cereals and milk); and vitamin C (berries and citrus fruits).

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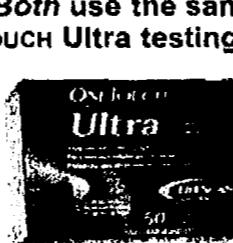
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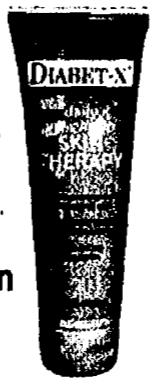
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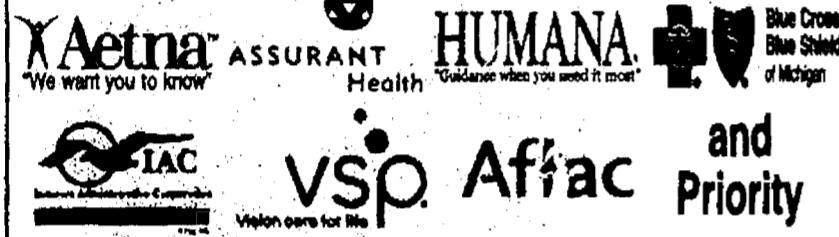


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Voters to decide road repair millage

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As gas prices have skyrocketed, the state has collected more funding from sales tax than it does from the fuel tax, since motorists are driving less and buying less fuel.

A task force studying new ways to fund transportation, which was formed by Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm, is completing its work and will make its recommendations on potential changes.

The distribution of MTF funding has only increased by 11 percent since 1998. During that same period, the cost of a truck has increased by 74 percent, the cost of asphalt has increased by 48 percent and gravel has increased by 20 percent. The cost of diesel fuel has increased by 304 percent and gasoline has increased by 313 percent.

"I hate to see it when a tanker comes in," Babcock said of fuel prices, even with the road commission receiving a discount by buying fuel in bulk amounts and not having to pay sales tax since it is a governmental agency. "It's \$40,000 to \$45,000 every time they drop a load."

Ken Riehle, chairman of the Crawford County Road Commission board, said officials renegotiated health insurance coverage, with the union representing road commission

employees, to achieve a \$300,000 savings that will go toward road repairs.

Maintenance employees as a summer project built a spreader box in-house, which goes on the back of a truck to haul gravel and salt, to achieve some savings.

"I'd put our employees up against anyone in the northern part of the state," Babcock said. "They've certainly saved us in a lot of ways cost efficiency wise."

If voters give the millage a thumbs up, projects planned by the road commission include:

- Wakeley Bridge Road from M-72 to Conners Flat Road.

- Chase Bridge Road from Pere Cheney Road to M-72.

- County Road 612 between Hartwick Pines Road and Lovells.

- Old-76 (South Grayling Road) from North Higgins Lake Drive to Dort Road.

- Fletcher Road from Old-76 to Military Road.

- Hartwick Pines Road from M-93 to County Road 612.

- Sherman Road from County Road 612 north to the Waters Landfill.

- Fletcher Road from Military

Road to the Kalkaska County Line.

- Military Road from North Higgins Lake Drive to Fletcher Road.

• County Road 612 from Stephan Bridge Road to Lovells.

• County Road 612 from Frederic west to the Kalkaska County Line.

Babcock said the list of projects is not set in stone and the road commission will continue to pursue additional federal and state funds for special projects or circumstances.

The same road millage request was defeated by voters in the 2006 November election by a vote of 2,910 no to 2,734 yes.

Unless there are unforeseen changes in the way the state and federal government funds transportation, Riehle said the only way to help get the roads fixed is through support of the millage.

"We're crying the blues because people want better roads," Riehle said. "I urge residents to take a look at the roads today. This is the best shape they are going to be in for many years unless we increase Michigan's road funding."

Business After Hours to focus on multi-million dollar film opportunities for the region

A four-county regional Business After Hours, for Ogemaw, Oscoda, Roscommon and Crawford Counties, will be hosted by Sangomore's

Restaurant at Forest Dunes Golf Club on Wednesday, Oct. 29, from 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The evening will focus on the new Michigan Film Industry Incentives and how the region should move forward in attracting multi-million dollar film projects and production companies to the area.

"We are very fortunate that Janet Lockwood, director of the Michigan Film Commission and the leader of this industry for Michigan, is willing to come here and speak to our region on what we need to do to bring these million dollar productions to the area," said Richard Coates.

"We have learned that major

production companies have expressed interest in this region for films, including Clint Eastwood, but the area currently lacks an organized coalition to support this industry," said Coates. "So, Ms. Lockwood's presentation will be the first step in this process. It is important that we show the Michigan Film Office that we are willing to take the steps necessary to get organized by having as many from the business and governmental communities as possible attend."

Lockwood will give an overview of the industry and how the incentive program works in a 15-minute presentation and then take questions and give answers.

Her presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m. and she will stay through the conclusion of the Business After Hours to network and develop contacts.

The cost is \$5 per person and includes appetizers, door prizes, real estate tours, mini massages from the new spa at Forest Dunes, 50 percent off the new fall/winter dinner menu at Sangomore's and live music from guitarist Derek Boik. The evening is open to anyone interested.

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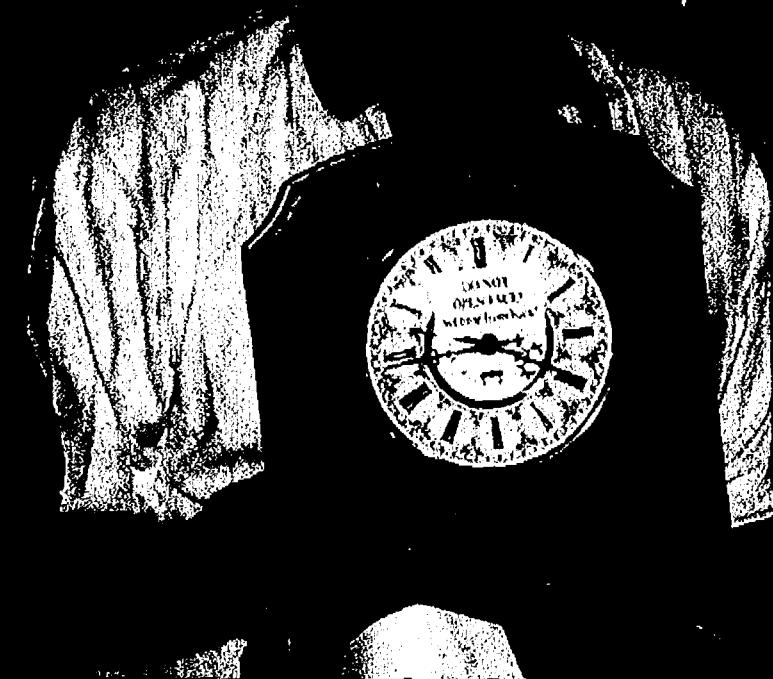
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Holton honored as Booster of the Year



Bill Holton (center) was honored on Oct. 18 as the "2008 Booster of the Year" for the Grayling Youth Booster Club. During the 2008 installation of new officers dinner, club board members Cheryl McCurdy (left) and Max Tobin (right) presented a clock plaque to Holton for his many years of dedication to the club and the youth of Crawford County.

Local students step into World War II history

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GHS students took turns asking the veterans pre-prepared questions. The vets were hard of hearing, but with a bit of patience and careful phrasing, students managed to communicate their inquiries.

They wanted to know everything from what the veterans ate to how they coped with the pressure of combat.

Members of the panel were able to offer insights into the war that could only be provided by people who lived it.

"War is hell, that's all. There's nothing like it. There's no heroes in war. You're fighting for your life ... it's not a John Wayne movie or anything like that," said Brown.

Other servicemen elaborated on their travels during the war.

"Have you even seen cold weather? No, you haven't seen cold weather," said Kellogg, who was deployed to the North Pole.

According to National Geographic, temperatures in the

North Pole average 32 degrees below zero in February.

Kellogg was probably the most well-traveled of the servicemen on the panel.

"I ate a lot of strange food that ordinary people wouldn't eat," said Kellogg, who ate worms, snakes and kangaroo during the course of his deployment.

Not everything the soldiers experienced was likely to be totally foreign to the GHS students. Brown spoke of a conflict with his parents when he decided on a military career.

"I had to argue like mad with my mother," said Brown.

He said that he faced a difficult challenge even before he was actually deployed.

"Boot camp training? Well I'll tell ya, it's the roughest, toughest thing you've ever been through in your entire life," said Brown.

The overall spectrum of experiences ranged from tragedy to triumph.

"It wasn't a picnic I'll tell ya. You were in trouble all the time,"

said Strehle. "The Germans were rough."

Strehle was a prisoner of war for two years.

All the men on the panel were fortunate enough to eventually make it home. One veteran spoke about the impact of seeing the Statue of Liberty on his return from the war.

"All of us had tears in our eyes," said Rendon.

GHS principal Doniel Pummell was in attendance. She emphasized the value of the event.

"If we don't take the time to listen and ask, then we lose a part of our history," said Pummell.

Pummell said that out-of-classroom learning experiences like this one are a great opportunity for students.

"It fosters thinking," said Pummell.

Although the interview was only open to members of the Student Senate, Pummell said that students intend to share excerpts from the videotaped

session with the rest of the school.

"We need to celebrate these men and we can't wait too long before we take the time to do it," said Pummell.

For those who actually lived through the war, it was an experience that is not ever likely to be forgotten.

"We all gave some. The ones that didn't come back, they gave it all," said Brown.

Hartwick Pines' "critter walk" draws a crowd

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The animals were played by costumed people who were equipped with a vast knowledge of creature facts.

"We've been lucky enough that we've got a good core of volunteers," said Burg.

They were prepared to answer questions and clear up misconceptions.

"There's a long-time misbelief that wolves are dangerous to people," said Burg.

In truth, wolves generally avoid confrontations with human beings.

The event wasn't purely about education, as kids were encouraged to wear costumes for the walk.

"There certainly is the element of Halloween in there," said Burg.

Even educational animal facts can sometimes fit in well with the Halloween atmosphere.

"Male bears, if they're very hungry, will be cannibalistic and will eat female bears," said program volunteer Chuck Hughes.

Burg said that the event helps remind the community that there is more to Hartwick Pines than just its summer programs. "Here's a reason to get people to come out and enjoy the park," said Burg.

If the plan was to get people out to the park, then the plan worked. Groups of 30-40 people were being sent on the walk every two and a half minutes. Even with this rapid pacing,

some people had to wait in line for nearly an hour to take the tour.

"I definitely think they need to do something to remedy that situation," said Nelson.

The event had about 500 more attendees than program volunteers expected.

"Whenever you have a successful program, you can become a victim of that success,"

said Burg.

Plans are being developed to improve crowd management for next year. One proposition is to host activities to keep families entertained while they are in line.

Staff members don't want families to feel like they spend all their time waiting.

"We'll have to look at logistics and how to relieve that," said Burg.

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Citizens volunteer to mediate fire department battle

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after failed negotiations to renew a mutual operating agreement between the city and the township which expired in June 2007.

The Grayling City Council has proposed that the Grayling City/Township Fire Department be considered as a department of the city and administered by Grayling City Manager David Thayer.

In September, the township board and city council met to discuss a 2009 operating agreement for the Grayling City/Township Fire Department, which was sent to the township in June. A mediation was also held between the parties in June.

The terms of the 10-year contract call for the township to pay 60 percent of the operating costs for the fire department, with the city covering 40 percent of the expenses. Also, the township board and city council would meet twice a year to discuss the fire department's policies, budget and other related issues.

The township board did not take any action following the public hearing, since it did not have a quorum of the board required to take official action. Trustees Shawn Kraycs and Dennis Long were both absent due to family

and personal medical issues.

Grayling Charter Township Clerk Monica Ashton said a majority of citizens believed the township should maintain the lawsuit and negotiate with their city, since there is taxation without representation regarding the fire department.

Dave Stephenson, Dennis Wallace, Robert McIntosh and John Jones have agreed to address Thayer and the city council about the concerns.

"That's our sticking point and that's what these people are going to talk to the city about," said Terry Wright, the Grayling Township Supervisor. "Hopefully, they will talk to them soon and hopefully something good can come from it."

Thayer said that the committee that township officials are referring to in the lawsuit was formed to find property and build a fire department. The committee was formed under former Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe's administration. Thayer said that the committee took on more duties than it was legally authorized to do by state statute.

"It took on a life of its own due to the players involved," Thayer said. "You can't do nothing more than what the rules say."

Thayer said the meetings between the city council and the township board provide an avenue to address fire department concerns. Short of forming a fire authority, which involves incorporating the fire department as a separate entity, Thayer said that any remaining issues may have to be resolved in court.

"The bottom line is you have an authority or you can contract for fire services - there is no hybrid," Thayer said. "An authority removes the administration of the fire department to the authority and the city is not interested in doing that whatsoever."

A final pre-trial hearing in the lawsuit has been scheduled for Dec. 4. A trial has been scheduled for Jan. 28-30.

Township officials are asking 46th Circuit Trial Court Judge Janet M. Allen for a court order to divide fire trucks, equipment and interests, in the current and former fire department buildings, between the city and the township if a pact between the municipalities cannot be reached.

Thayer said that city officials would listen to the group of citizens regarding the township's concerns. The city council, however, will not negotiate terms of the agreement in an open meeting, Thayer said.

Stephenson, who is chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, said maybe someone from the outside could help find common ground between the township and the city. Stephenson has helped negotiate operations for the 46th Circuit Trial Court, which covers Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego counties, during an eight-year legal battle over court operations.

"It would be a huge expense to all citizens if the city and the township went their separate ways and started their own fire departments," Stephenson said. "There are no guarantees and we have no magic, but hopefully our little group can come up with something for the betterment of all."

Since the City of Grayling was incorporated in 1935, it has sponsored a volunteer fire department under the city manager's direction.

The city formally created a fire department in 1947, under the direction of the city manager, and provided fire services county wide.

In 1973, the city declared that it could no longer provide fire services county wide. Grayling Township agreed to contract with the city for services. The rest of the townships started their own fire departments.

The first legal mutual operating agreement between the City of Grayling and Grayling Township was approved in 1974, according to city officials in response to the lawsuit.

Township officials claim that they have had an agreement to operate the fire department with the city for 61 years.

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JV, freshman volleyball teams post wins vs. Boyne

JV squad defeats Elk Rapids 2-1 on Tuesday night

Grayling High School's JV and freshman volleyball teams combined for a 3-1 record during a three-school meet held at GHS last Tuesday. The Vikings played against the Boyne City Ramblers

and the Elk Rapids Elks.

Grayling's JV squad defeated Boyne City 3-0 in a best-of-three series. The Vikings won 25-22, 25-12, 15-8.

The JV squad also posted a win vs. Elk Rapids. Grayling lost the first game of the series, 25-18, but the Vikings won the next two games (25-15, 25-18) to win the match.

The freshman squad defeated Boyne City's 9th grade team 2-1 in a best-of-three series. Grayling won game one 25-21. Boyne City took game two with a score of 25-19. The Vikings won game three 25-22 to win the match.

Against Elk Rapids, Grayling's 9th grade squad won game one, 25-21, but the Elks won the next two games (25-18,

25-16) to win the series.

"They worked really hard setting it up for three hits," Coach Brooke Laurent said. "They worked well as a team. I'm excited about the progress of our season so far."

The GHS JV and freshman volleyball squads will compete in the Gaylord Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 25.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Olivia Peters, left, taps the ball over the net during last Tuesday's JV volleyball series vs. the Boyne City Ramblers. Ciara Johnson, right, hits the ball for Grayling's freshman team on Tuesday night.

Gladiators seal win with two 4th quarter TDs

Vikings fall to 5-3 with 43-28 loss to TC St. Francis

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

The Grayling Vikings trailed the Traverse City St. Francis Gladiators by six points, 28-22, going into the fourth quarter of last Friday's varsity football game at Grayling High School, but TCSF intercepted two Grayling pass attempts and scored two touchdowns in the final 10 minutes to seal a 43-28 win.

Traverse City St. Francis scored the first points of the contest with an eight-yard touchdown run at the first period's 2:49 mark. With the extra point kick, TCSF led 7-0.

After a Grayling punt, Traverse City St. Francis drove 75 yards with six rushing plays and finished the series with a 16-yard TD run. The Gladiators completed a pass for the two-point conversion. Grayling trailed 15-0 with 11:44 left in the first half.

On 3rd and 7, quarterback Jimmy Osga completed a deep pass to Eric Ferrigan for a 63-yard TD. The two-point conversion attempt failed. Traverse City St. Francis led 15-6.

Grayling stopped the Gladiators on a 4th and 1 play to take over on downs. The Vikings punted on 4th and 6. Grayling's defense forced an intentional grounding penalty on 3rd and 13, and the Gladiators punted on 4th and 30.

Grayling started at its 27-yard line. Osga threw to Cody Myers for nine yards. On 3rd and 12, Osga completed a pass to Spencer Dean for a gain of 17 yards. Osga passed to Dean on 3rd and 7 for a gain of eight

yards. A pass to Myers brought up 1st and 10 at the 14-yard line. Osga passed to Ferrigan for a nine-yard gain. A shovel pass from Osga to Tyler Hanson scored a five-yard TD for the Vikings. Osga passed to Dean for the two-point conversion. Grayling trailed by one, 15-14, with 1:59 left in the first half.

Traverse City St. Francis returned Grayling's kickoff to the 35-yard line. On 1st and 10, the Gladiators scored on a 35-yard TD run. Geo Bindschatel blocked the extra point kick. TCSF led 21-14 with 1:38 left in the second quarter.

The Gladiators recovered an on-side kick, giving Traverse City St. Francis the ball 37 yards from the goal line. Grayling's defense forced a punt.

Traverse City St. Francis had a 21-14 lead at halftime.

On the first possession of the second half, Grayling's defense stopped Traverse City St. Francis on 4th and 1 – six yards from the goal line – to force a turnover on downs.

The next three possessions – two by GHS and one by TCSF – ended with punts.

Traverse City St. Francis drove 50 yards on three plays, finishing the series with a 19-yard TD run on 2nd and 6. The Gladiators kicked the extra point. TCSF led 28-14 with 3:18 left in the third quarter.

Grayling turned the ball over on downs with an incomplete pass on 4th and 7.

On 2nd and 26, Trent Lamm forced a fumble and Ryan Foguth recovered the loose ball for the Vikings.

Grayling took over 36 yards from the end zone. Passes to Dean and Hanson picked up 16 yards and a first down. Osga

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Soccer team's season ends with 7-0 district loss

Vikings fall to Bucks at RHS on Monday night

The Grayling Vikings ended their 2008 boys soccer season with a 7-0 loss vs. the Roscommon Bucks last Monday in a District 46-3 contest held at Roscommon High School last Monday.

The Bucks scored their first goal of the contest at the 35:20 mark in the first half – just 4:40 into the game. Roscommon led 3-0 at halftime. The Bucks scored their last three goals in the final 10 minutes of the match.

"In the second half we came out more aggressive and held Roscommon in check for most of the next 20 minutes," Coach Craig Cobb said.

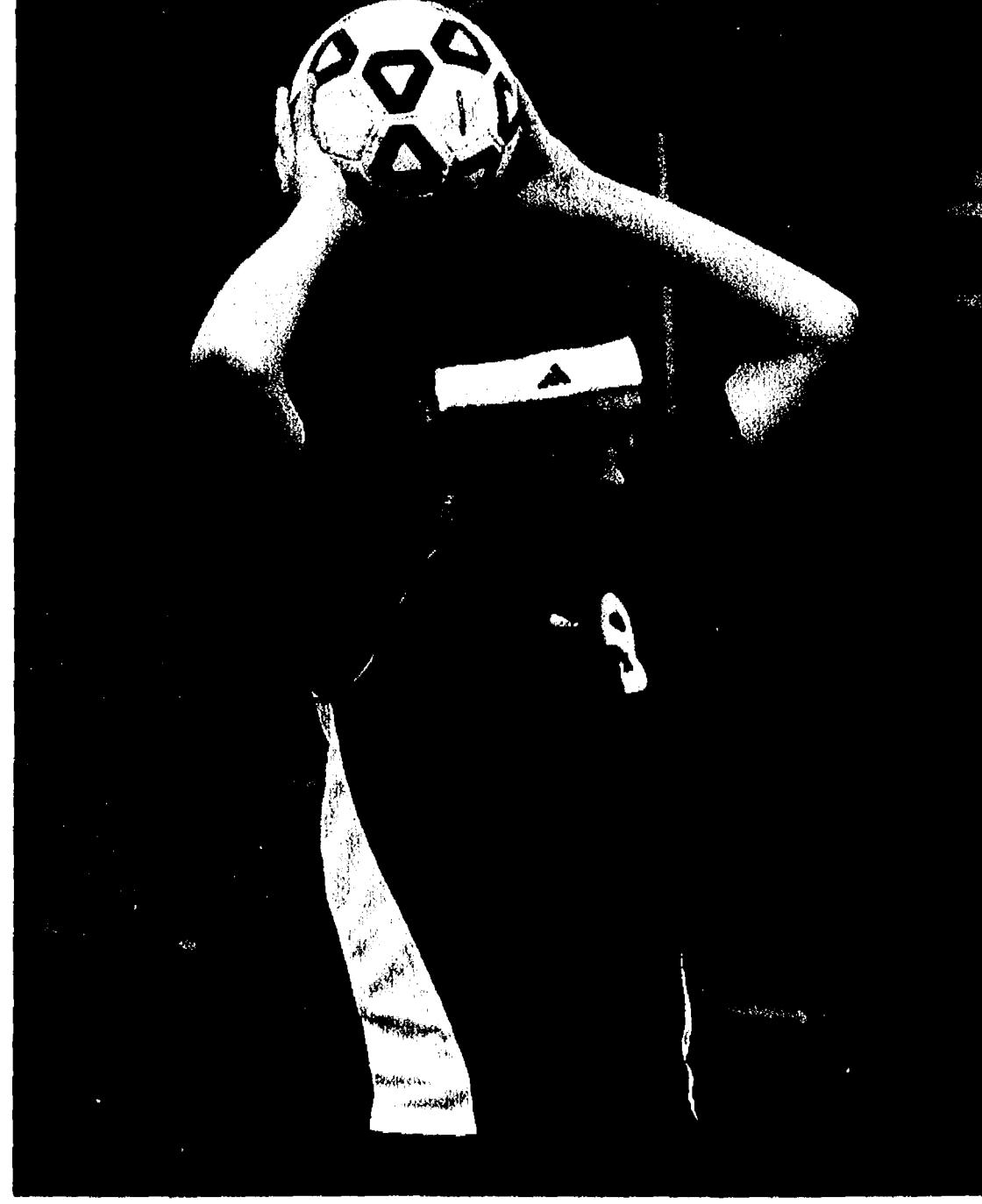
The Vikings finished the year with a 6-11-1 regular season record and an 0-1 postseason record.

"It was an emotional season. We, as a team, came into the season with high expectations. Unfortunately, we didn't consistently meet those high expectations that we worked for," Coach Cobb said.

Coach Cobb said his squad

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See "SOCCER TEAM'S..."



Peter Alexander, left, takes a throw-in for the Vikings during last Monday's district soccer game at Roscommon High School. Brent Steffey, right, redirects the ball with his head during Monday night's playoff game against the Bucks.

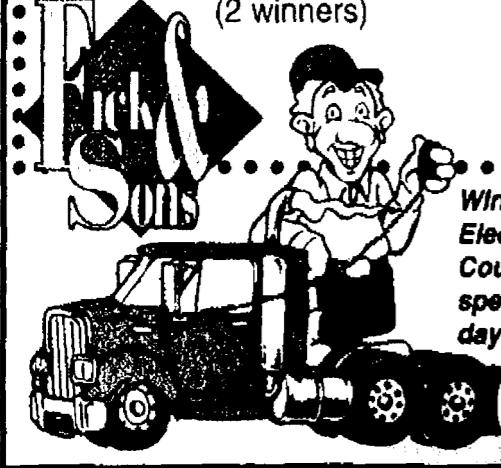
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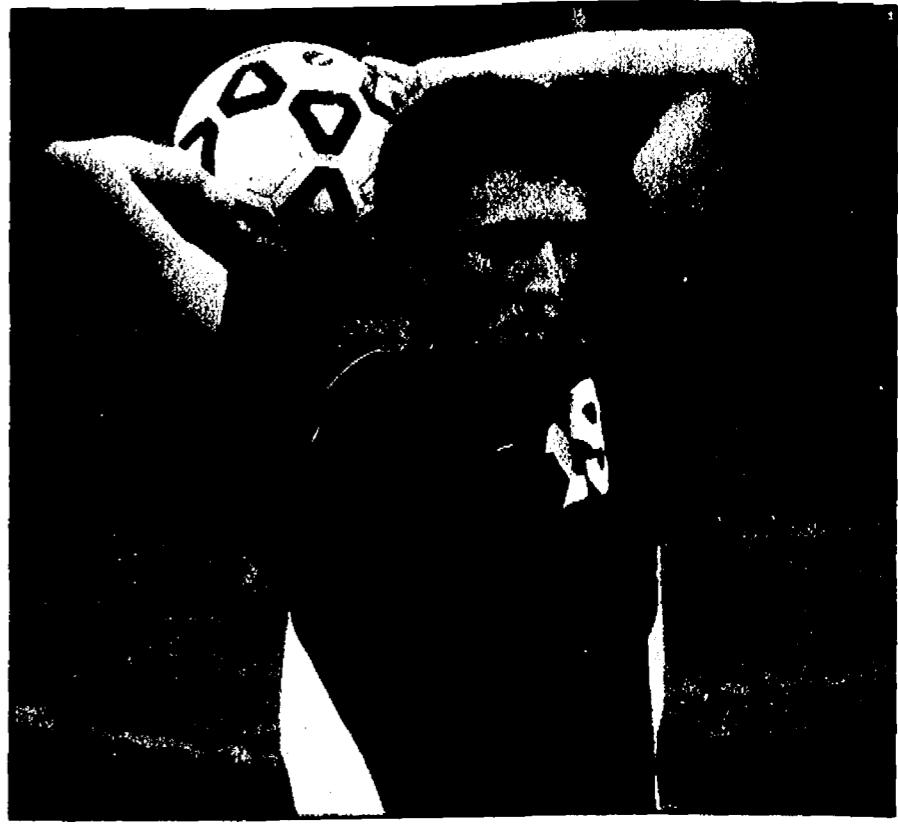
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Brady Coe, left, takes a goal kick for the Vikings during Monday night's district game at Roscommon. Colin Hamlin, right, takes a throw-in for Grayling.

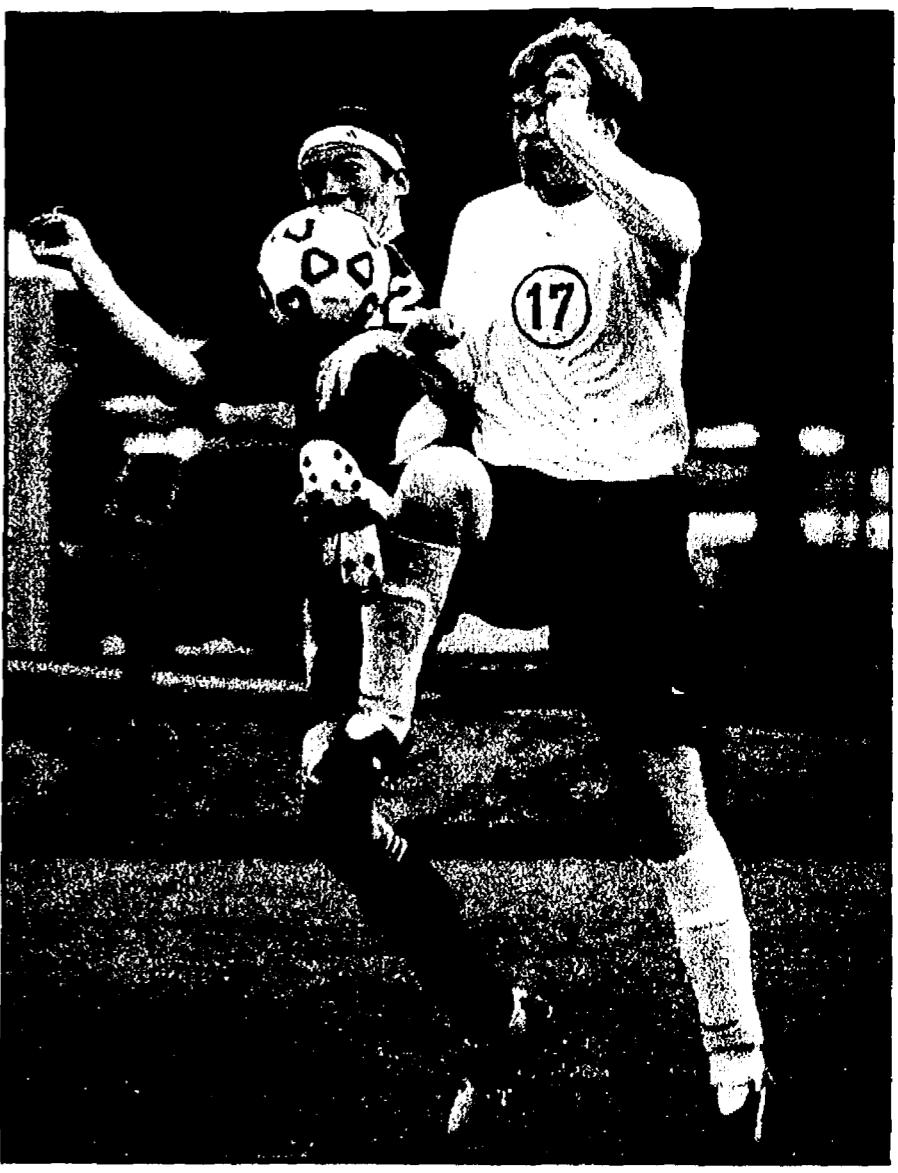


Soccer team's season ends with 7-0 district loss

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benefited from "all the support given to our team this season" from "the parents, players, and community. Through (their) support, we grew a lot as a team, and despite our several setbacks, continued to improve throughout the entire season."



Jordan Small controls the ball for the Vikings on Monday night at Roscommon.



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Matt Hilbrecht battles a Roscommon player for an airborne ball on Monday.

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Gladiators seal win with two 4th quarter TDs

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Osga threw to Steffey for a 12-yard gain. On 1st and goal, Osga completed a shovel pass to Hanson for an eight-yard TD. Osga threw to Myers for the two-point conversion. TCSF led 28-22 with three seconds left in the third period.

The Gladiators responded with an eight-play, 61-yard scoring drive. Traverse City St. Francis finished the series with a three-yard TD run on 3rd and goal. TCSF scored the two-point conversion with a rushing play. The Gladiators led 26-22 with 9:49 remaining in the game.

On 3rd and 8, Traverse City St. Francis intercepted a Grayling pass. TCSF drove 26 yards on five plays and finished the possession with a five-yard TD run on 3rd and 1. With the extra point kick, Traverse City St. Francis led 43-22.

Osga passed to Dean for an 11-yard gain on 1st and 10. Passes to Hanson and Ferrigan picked up another first down. On the next play, Traverse City St. Francis intercepted a Grayling pass to end the series.

TCSF punted on 4th and 20. Grayling took over at its 19-yard line.

Passes to Myers and Dean gained 20 yards. Passes to Myers and Ferrigan picked up

another first down. Grayling gained 23 more yards with completions to Myers and Steffey. A pass to Myers on the next play gained 12 yards, bringing up 1st and 10 at the 11-yard line of Traverse City St. Francis. Osga threw to Dean for an 11-yard TD on the next play. The two-point conversion attempt failed.

Traverse City St. Francis killed the final 38 seconds and won by a final score of 43-28.

The Gladiators improved their record to 7-1 overall (6-0 league). Grayling fell to 5-3 overall (3-3 league).

Osga completed 41 of 70 pass attempts for 379 yards and four TDs, adding to his school records for single season passing yards, passing attempts, passing TDs, and total touchdowns.

Dean, who returned to action last week after missing six games with an injury, caught 16 passes — a new school record — for 152 yards and one TD. Ferrigan caught seven passes for 93 yards and one TD. Myers had nine catches for 78 yards.

"St. Francis is a great team with a lot of blue-chip athletes. Our blue-collar athletes gave a performance that they can be proud of forever. St. Francis linebacker Max Bullough has signed to play football at Michigan State... and he is only

a junior. We could have easily backed down and no one would have blamed us. But that is not the makeup of our team or our program. When you finish playing us, you will know that you didn't go dancing that night," Coach Ben Brock said.

"Spencer Dean finished the night with 16 catches for 152 yards and one touchdown. His 16 catches mark the second highest total for a player in one game in state history. Jimmy Osga also set state records by completing 41 passes out of 70 attempts. He finished the night with 379 yards and four touchdowns. Osga now has 2,639 yards passing and 29 touchdowns on the season. After eight games, he has broken the previous passing record of Jeff Bancroft by over 1,100 yards. His touchdown record has passed previous record holder Bruce Burkett by 12," Coach Brock said.

"Defensively, we played them tough. They (scored) 43 points, but the score is not indicative of how well we played. We sacked their quarterback four times and limited them to seven yards passing. Bullough finished with three touchdowns rushing and Ben Swan finished with two. Still, we stopped them on two fourth down conversions and forced two fumbles. Next week,

we will add Spencer Dean to the defense," Coach Brock said.

"Geo Bindschatel led our defense with 17 tackles and a sack. He now has 92 tackles on the season and has been a stud for us for three seasons. Matt Haight and Tyler Steffey also had 12 tackles. Trent Larm had another good defensive game with nine tackles and two sacks. Fellow senior Jake Aubry finished with nine tackles and one sack," Coach Brock said. "Our seniors are stepping up to the challenge and we understand that it is one and done the rest of the way out. If we win, we keep playing. If we lose, we talk about what might have been. As a staff, we have full confidence in this group of young men."

"Right now, we are playing the best that we have played all season. What you try to do as a coach is have your boys ready for the postseason, and I believe that we are. Now we have to go out and beat 7-1 Boyne City at their place. We truly believe that we can accomplish this," Coach Brock said.

The Vikings (5-3 overall, 3-3 league) will finish their 2008 regular season with a conference game at Boyne City (7-1 overall, 5-1 league) on Friday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. The Vikings can secure a playoff spot with a victory.



Cody Myers, left, catches a pass during last Friday's game against the Traverse City St. Francis Gladiators. Jimmy Osga, right, throws a pass vs. TCSF on Friday night.

JV football squad falls to Gladiators

The GHS junior varsity football squad lost to the Traverse City St. Francis Gladiators by a final score of 46-26 in a game played at Traverse City on Thursday night.

Grayling fumbled the opening kickoff and TCSF scored on a three-play, 38-yard drive.

After a change of possession and an interception by Grayling, the Gladiators scored again on a three-play, 25-yard drive. The two-point conversion was successful to make the score 14-0 with 6:16 left in the first quarter.

Grayling responded with a nine-play, 53-yard scoring drive capped off with a seven-yard TD run by Zane Tobin. The Vikings scored the two-point conversion with a pass from Tobin to Steven Enos. Grayling trailed 14-8 with 2:42 left in the first quarter.

TCSF scored again with 56 seconds left in the first period. The Gladiators led 20-8. Traverse City St. Francis scored another TD early in the second quarter to lead 26-8.

Grayling scored with 6:07 left in the second quarter on a 40-yard TD pass from Tobin to Tyler Brigham. The two-point conversion attempt failed. TCSF led 26-14.

The Vikings scored again with 22 seconds left in the first half to pull within six, 26-20. Grayling finished the drive with an eight-yard TD pass from Tobin to Enos.

After forcing TCSF to punt on its first possession of the second half, Grayling drove to the 13-yard line. After four downs, Grayling was unable to move the chains and gave the ball back to Traverse City St. Francis. There were three changes of possession before Traverse City St. Francis scored its next three touchdowns. With 10 minutes left in the fourth quarter, Traverse City St. Francis led 46-26.

Grayling scored one more time on a 16-yard TD pass from Riley Zigila to David Bergan.

Traverse City St. Francis won 46-26.

Grayling finished with 288 yards of offense — 235 passing and 53 rushing.

Tobin was 18 for 32 for 156 yards with one passing TD, one rushing TD, and three interceptions. Bergan completed two passes for 63 yards and one TD. He also caught nine passes for 75 yards and one TD. Zigila completed one pass for 16 yards and a TD. He rushed for 25 yards on four carries. Brigham caught five passes for 114 yards and one TD. Enos had six receptions for 46 yards and one TD.

On defense, Enos had 11 tackles. Devon Dawson, Tyler Brigham, and Matt Dunckel each had five tackles. Bergan had four tackles. Craig Collen had two tackles and one sack.

"We cannot afford to spot a team like this 14 points before

we have two offensive possessions. Next week we will adjust to the game speed much faster," Coach Ron Wyman said.

"Overall, I thought there were several players on the field who played with a lot of heart, but in the end, we just made too many mistakes," Coach Chris Kucharek said.

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Suzanne Hause, left, and Sierra Williamson, right, hit the ball for Grayling's varsity volleyball team during a meet vs. Harbor Springs on Thursday night.

Volleyball teams fall to Harbor Springs on Thursday

Rams, down 0-2, win next three to take varsity series

The GHS varsity, junior varsity, and freshman volleyball squads all fell to the visiting Harbor Springs Rams last Thursday in a meet played at Grayling High School.

The JV and freshman squads played first. Grayling's 9th grade team won its first game 25-19. Harbor Springs tied the series at 1-1 with a 25-20 victory in game

two. Harbor Springs won a hard-fought game three by a final score of 25-23.

"The girls had their best game of the season," Coach Brooke Laurent said. "They worked hard for every point and really gave 100 percent. A tough loss, but a great game."

In the JV series, Harbor Springs won the first two games (26-24, 25-13). Grayling won the third game 15-7.

The two varsity squads then played a best-of-five series. Grayling took an early 2-0 lead with victories in game one (25-21) and game two (25-15).

Harbor Springs won game three 25-23. The Rams tied the series at 2-2 with a 27-25 victory in game four. Harbor Springs won the series with a 15-10 victory in the final match.

"Despite serve receiving 93 percent, we fell to Harbor Springs in five games. They were close games. The team played very well, but Harbor Springs didn't give up and kept digging every ball we hit at them. We have struggled all year with finishing games, and again we failed to finish. It was a very tough loss for us to swallow," Coach Jessica Szymoniak said.

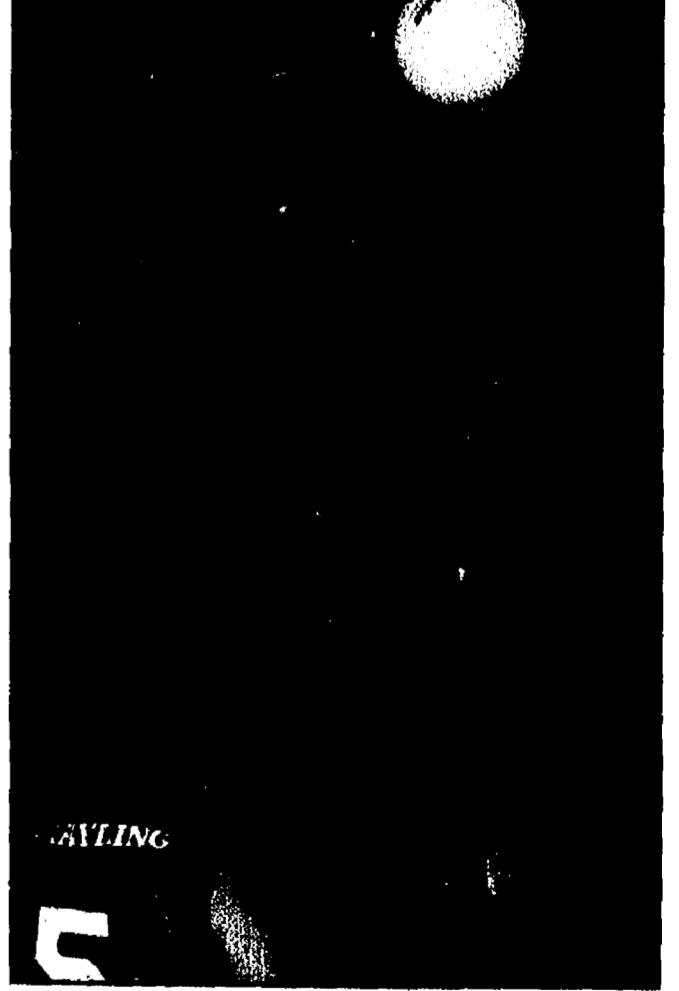
"We are getting better every time we enter the court. We are



Elaine DesEnfants hits the ball for the freshman squad vs. Harbor Springs.

learning from our mistakes and correcting them, which is what I can ask of the kids. We see something they are not doing in a game and fix it in practice, and by the next game, they have incorporated it into their play. For example, my setters haven't been playing defense and each of them - Josie Swander and Savannah Foguth - were in the top five for digs on the team with double digits. That is huge for our defense and transitioning into offense," Coach Szymoniak said.

"Cayla Johnson served 100 percent on the night with two aces and played great in the back row with three digs. Suzanne Hause led the night in digs with 19 and tied with Arica Rockhold with kills at 10 apiece. Savannah Foguth and Joni Bindschadler each had 17 digs and Savannah led the night with 21 assists. Grace Calkins was 100 percent with her assists - she was 7 for 7. Sierra Williamson led the night with two solo blocks and added six kills," Coach Szymoniak said.



Rebecca Money, left, hits the ball for the GHS junior varsity team on Thursday. Abbey Thomas, right, goes up for a front row shot vs. Harbor Springs.

Varsity squad falls to Boyne, Elk Rapids

The Grayling Vikings lost two varsity volleyball league matches last Tuesday at Elk Rapids.

Grayling lost both best-of-five series 3-0. Boyne City defeated the Vikings 25-17, 25-18, 25-20. Elk Rapids won 25-11, 25-15, 25-17 vs. Grayling.

"We lost both games. It was a very hard night to swallow because of all the growth the team made last week. We played OK against Boyne City, who has a great middle hitter, but we fell apart against

Elk Rapids. We lacked communication all night, which is a vital part of volleyball. It turned out to be a long night," Coach Jessica Szymoniak said.

Ashley Feldhauser had a team-high 17 digs, four aces, and 10 kills. Joni Bindschadler had 13 digs and five kills. Suzanne Hause added eight kills. Savannah Foguth had 15 assists.

The team will compete in the Boyne Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 25.

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BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation League

Glen's Market 19 - 9
 Robin L. Smith CPA 17 - 11
 GMH-NCC 16 - 12
 Grayling Nursing 16 - 12
 TNT Charter 13 - 15
 Days Inn 12 - 16
 American Legion 10 - 18
 Woody Girls 9 - 19
 High Series: S. Johnson, 505; D. Vance, 497; S. Harney, 477.
 High Game: D. Vance, 212; S. Johnson, 198; S. Harney, 189.

Senior Bowling

Sylvester's Sports 19 - 9
 Gaylord Electric 17 - 11
 Flowers By Josie 15 - 13
 Dana Transport 14 - 14
 Spike's 14 - 14
 Lone Pine 12 - 16
 Kicking Grass 11 - 17
 Bear's Den Pizza 10 - 18
 High Series Women: P. Kennedy, 429; N. Glasslee and M. Ryss, 405. High Game Women: B. Wotring, 164; P. Kennedy, 163; M. Ryss, 149. High Series Men: D. Williamson, 578; P. Faustman, 535. High Game Men: D. Williamson, 239; P. Faustman, 216.

Friday Mixed Doubles

GGS Double Trouble 33 - 16
 Miller Spillers 28 - 21
 McDonald's 28 - 21
 Fred's of Roscommon 27 - 22
 Canadian Steak n' Fish 23 - 26
 Last Call 21 - 28
 American Legion 19 - 30
 L & L Hauling 17 - 32
 High Series Men: D. Williamson, 162.

561; D. Wallace, 546; P. Benardo, 537. High Game Men: D. Wallace and J. Lehman, 201; P. Benardo, 200. High Series Women: N. Glasslee, 521; M. Coe, 509; S. Johnson, 476. High Game Women: M. Jankowski, 212; M. Coe, 196; N. Glasslee, 179.

Pioneer League

Grayling Rest 19 - 5
 Ole Dam Party Store 14 - 10
 5 B's 14 - 10
 Eagles Nest Sports 13 - 11
 T.C.Lawncare 13 - 11
 American Legion 9 - 15
 Tim's Collision 8 - 16
 Ball Busters 6 - 18
 High Series: C. Clark, 533; T. Rock, 526; S. Johnson, 498. High Game: A. Nygard, 214; L. Golnick, 202; C. LaMotte, 196.

Thursday Morning Coffee

Casino Bums 14 - 6
 Rosebuds 11 - 9
 Bill's Harem 11 - 9
 Misfits 10 - 10
 Snow Tops 10 - 10
 Three Amigos 9 - 11
 Pin Slayers 8 - 12
 Ladybugs 7 - 13
 High Series Men: P. Faustman, 548; E. Brosky, 492; B. Holton, 477. High Game Men: P. Faustman, 196; E. Brosky, 190. D. Decker, 177. High Series Women: N. Glasslee, 499; C. Clark, 489; K. Moshier, 451. High Game Women: N. Glasslee, 182; C. Clark, 174; K. Moshier, 162.

Sunday Mixed Doubles

Team Shocker 27 - 15
 Hard Balls 27 - 15
 Farm Bureau 24 - 18
 Salon Rue 20 - 22
 Spike's #1 20 - 22
 Spike's #2 16 - 26
 Gray Rock Cafe 15 - 27
 AJD 15 - 27
 High Series Men: R. Sartin, 580; J. Thayer, 563; P. Faustman, 562. High Game Men: P. Faustman, and R. Sartin, 216; J. Thayer, 201. High Series Women: N. Glasslee, 521; C. SanCartier, 481; L. Mead, 420. High Game Women: N. Glasslee, 200; C. SanCartier, 188; L. Mead, 163.

American Men's League

GADCO 31 - 18
 Sky Ripper 30 - 19
 Moore's Auto 27 - 22
 McLean's ACE 24 - 25
 Dragon Repair 23 - 26
 Fenton's Auto 23 - 26
 Scott McNamara Ford 22 - 27
 High Series: Lonnie Davis, 616; Lance Davis, 594; M. Forbes, 591. High Game: M. Barr and B. Gulick, 234; M. Forbes, 223.

National First

GADCO 33 - 9
 Continental Rental 24 - 18
 Pittman Bld. 19 - 23
 Hagerman Const. 19 - 23
 Primary Electric 13 - 29
 High Series: C. Brill, 644; D. Lawe, 607; R. Sartin, 606. High Game: C. Brill, 235; R. Sartin, 225 and 214.

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Default has occurred in a mortgage made by Sandra Trux, single woman, to First National Bank of America, dated July 26, 2005 and recorded August 1, 2005 in Liber 676, page 451, Crawford County records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$45,836.54.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a public sale of the property on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at front door of Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest at 5.50% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

The property is located in Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, and is described in the mortgage as:

Parcel 1: Beginning at a point which is 492 feet East and 330 feet North of the Southwest corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 2 West; thence East 298 feet to the right-of-way of the County Road; thence Northeast along said right-of-way 186.2 feet; thence West 385 feet; thence South 165 feet to the Point of Beginning. Being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 2 West. Also a 1987 Stoneridge Mobile Home, Serial #TNFLH2700601SR.

The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of sale; but if the property is abandoned, the redemption period shall be one month from the date of sale.

Dated: September 29, 2008

Joseph B. Backus, attorney for mortgage holder
P.O. Box 794
East Lansing, MI 48826
517-337-1617

-9-16-23-30

MORTGAGE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Janet G. Varney-Small, a married woman and David Small, a married man, Mortgagors, to North Central Area Credit Union, Mortgagee, dated the 29th day of September, 2006 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 13th day of October, 2006 in Liber 683 of Crawford County Records, page 668, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Forty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Nine & 33/100 (\$46,769.33), and no suit or pro-

Dated: 10/9/2008
Washington Mutual Bank
Mortgage

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.
Attorney for Washington Mutual Bank

888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 800
Troy, MI 48084
248-362-2600

-2-9-16-23

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

Dated: October 16, 2008
For more information, please call:
FCR 248-593-1305
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 16, 2008
For more information, please call:
FCR 248-593-1305
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31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525

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RESIDENTS OF SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2008 @ 7:00 P.M.

This is the second meeting to discuss ROADS. The board is seeking input regarding future road projects and the FUNDING of these projects.

This includes (but is not limited to) major projects such as complete road bed replacement (Stephan Bridge, Pioneer) or new asphalt over a gravel road (Jonassen Subdivision), or to a lesser degree, where extensive asphalt or gravel/clay repairs are necessary. Special assessment procedures, a Township wide road Millage as well as costs will be addressed.

If you have any questions/concerns regarding this meeting please contact the Township Office during normal business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon @ (989) 275-8232.

South Branch Township Board

LEGAL ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 07-7332-DF

Estate of Russell John Patterson Jr., Date of birth: 2/18/1953

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Russell John Patterson Jr., who lived at 7703 W. Co. Rd. 612, P.O. Box 254, Frederic, MI 49733, died 6/15/2007.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Carolyn Love, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. MICHIGAN AVE., GRAYLING, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date 10/1/07
Personal representative
Carolyn Love
7703 W. Co. Rd. 612
Frederic, MI 49733
348-4528

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
46TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT -
FAMILY DIVISION
CRAWFORD COUNTY
PUBLICATION OF HEARING
CASE NO. 08-3604-NA**

PETITION NO. 01

**IN THE MATTER OF: Natalia Ruddy,
DOB: 07/31/1995**

A hearing regarding Termination of Mother's Parental Rights will be conducted by the court on October 30, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. in Crawford County Family Court before Honorable Monte J. Burmeister.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Irena Ruddy personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above.

This hearing may result in permanent termination of your parental rights over Natalia Ruddy.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE COUNTY OF
CRAWFORD**

Case No. 08-7573-CH

MICHAEL S. TOBIAS

Plaintiff,

v.

BRADLEY PRUITT AND KELLY

Duty,

Defendants.

Michael T. Edwards (P54834)
Attorney for Plaintiff
522 West Main Street
Gaylord, MI 49734
(989) 732-5500
(989) 731-5782 fax

**NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL
ESTATE ON FORECLOSURE OF
MORTGAGE**

Please take notice that a judicial foreclosure sale will take place on the 12th day of November 2008. This public sale shall take place at the Crawford County Courthouse at 10:00 a.m. The property subject to this sale is described as being situated in the Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County and State of Michigan:

LEGAL ACTION

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by:

Ronald Kage and Patricia Kage, Husband and Wife

to

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for

Novastar Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee,

dated July 14, 2006 and recorded July 25,

2006 in Liber 682 Page 480 Crawford

County Records, Michigan. Said mort-

gage was subsequently assigned to:

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company,

as Trustee under NovaStar Mortgage

Funding Trust Series 2006-4 , on which

mortgage there is claimed to be due at the

date hereof the sum of One Hundred

Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-

Four Dollars and Seventy-Six Cents

(\$107,734.76) including interest 9.55%

per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on November 5, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Township of South Branch, SN883, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Section 29, The West one-half of the West one-half of the East one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter, 5 acre, m/l

Commonly known as 1601 E Pioneer Rd, Roscommon MI 48653

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: SEPTEMBER 25, 2008
Deutsche Bank National Trust Company,
as Trustee under NovaStar Mortgage
Funding Trust Series 2006-4 .

Assignee of Mortgage
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
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Our File No: 08-98813

-2-9-16-23

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Default has occurred in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Howard Ervin, married, and Nola Ervin a/k/a Nola A. Ervin, married, Mortgagor(s), to Fifth Third Bank, Mortgagee, dated September 2, 2005, and recorded on September 8, 2005, in Liber 677, Page 348, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, on said mortgage there is \$37,595.91 due at the date of this notice. There is no suit proceeding at law or in equity to collect the sums due under the Mortgage described above.

Notice is hereby given that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the above-described Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Wednesday, November 26, 2008 at 10AM, at the front door to the County Bldg in Grayling, MI, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder at public venue, in order to satisfy the unpaid portion of said Mortgage, together with interest at a rate of 13.49%, all costs of sale permitted by law, and taxes, the property situated in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, described as:

Commencing 66 feet South of the Southwest corner of Lot 7, Block 2, Hadley's Third Addition to the City of Grayling; thence South 80.6 feet; thence North 46 Degrees 18.5 Minutes West, 167.3 feet; thence East approximately 97 feet to the place of beginning. Being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 3 West. Together with an easement for ingress and egress over a strip of land 66 feet in width, adjoining the within premises on the North side thereof.

All rights of redemption shall expire six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned as defined by MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

Dated: Thursday, October 23, 2008

Attorneys for Fifth Third Bank, Mortgagee
Likens & Blomquist, PLLC.
By: Benjamin S. Lin
P-70891
3290 W. Big Beaver Rd., Suite 315
Troy, MI 48084
Telephone: 248-593-5106 Ext. 5425
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kevin L. Jamison, a married man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 23, 2005, and recorded on September 26, 2005 in Liber 677 on Page 643, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to The Huntington National Bank as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ten And 56/100 Dollars (\$244,910.56), including interest at 6.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on November 12, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 3: Being part of the North 100.00 feet of Goverment Lot 1, section 15, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 15, Town 26 North, Range 4 West; thence North 89 degrees 12 minutes 00 seconds East along the North line of said Section 24.00 feet for a point of beginning; thence South 05 degrees 32 minutes 00 seconds West along a line being the extent of the East line of Lot 9 of the recorded plat of Margrethe Manor No. 1 recorded in Liber 2 of plats, Page 49, Crawford County Records, 100.60 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 9; thence North 89 degrees 12 minutes 00 seconds East parallel with the North section line 129.29 feet to the East line of Government Lot 1; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 09 seconds East along said East line 100.00 feet to the Northeast corner of Goverment Lot 1; thence South 89 degrees 12 minutes 00 seconds West along the North section line 128.75 feet to the point of beginning containing 2.969 acres more of less. Together with: A 20 foot wide easement for ingress and egress and installation and maintenance of public utilities over the Southerly 20 feet of Parcel 2 described and delineated herein.

Further Subject to: Restrictions, reservations, agreements and easements if any. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 9, 2008

For more information, please call:

FC F 248.593.1313

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Servicer

31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200

Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525

File #224883FO1

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Larry Frederick Haight and Ann M. Haight, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Plus (Michigan) Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 12, 2006, and recorded on May 16, 2006 in Liber 681 on Page 491, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Four And 95/100 Dollars (\$113,984.95), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on November 12, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 64 and 65, Clough's Highland Acres, Township of

Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 4, 2005, and recorded on March 14, 2005 in Liber 674 on Page 188, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-2 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-2 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Two And 62/100 Dollars (\$97,242.62), including interest at 8.65% per annum.

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Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats Page 65, Crawford County

Dated: October 2, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #223165FO1

-2-9-16-23

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard Wineman and Corinna Wineman, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Beneficial Michigan Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 16, 2007, and recorded on February 27, 2007, in Liber 685 on Page 456, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Nine And 10/100 Dollars (\$87,209.10), including interest at 11.365% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on November 5, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, thence North 4 rods; thence West 40 rods; thence South 4 rods; thence East 40 rods to the point of beginning. Being part of the South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, all in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 2, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC H 248.593.1300
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #223411FO1

-2-9-16-23

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on November 12, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of section 25, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, Excepting 33 feet off the South side for road purposes.

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the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, Excepting 33 feet off the South side for road purposes and the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of section 25, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, Excepting 33 feet off the South side for road purposes.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 9, 2008
For more information, please call:

FC G 248.593.1310

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Attorneys For Servicer

31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200

Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525

File #223411FO1

-9-16-23-30

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeremiah Benjamin Kohner a/k/a Jeremiah B. Kohner, a married man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Plus (Michigan) Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 12, 2006, and recorded on May 16, 2006 in Liber 681 on Page 491, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Four And 95/100 Dollars (\$113,984.95), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on November 12, 2008.

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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

October 25, 1962 - Homecoming Queen Pam Berry, of the junior class, and Homecoming King Richard Trudeau, of the senior class, appear at the Homecoming dance.

23 Years Ago

October 24, 1985

The Grayling girls basketball team beat Petoskey 53-50 in double overtime. The Vikings outlasted Petoskey despite having four players foul out. Grayling had 30 fouls for the night and Petoskey had 22 called on them.

The Grayling football team used two big touchdown plays to break open the game and the defense shut down Boyne most of the night in a 26-0 win.

A tank, carrying 10,500 gallons of liquified gas, came loose from a truck and rolled over near the Military Road entrance onto US-27 South at about 5:15 p.m. The tank was ruptured slightly when it crashed, said Beaver Creek Fire Chief Ed Holtcamp, but only some vapors escaped. None of the liquified gas spilled, he said.

Bishop, Trisha Piehl, Margarita Perez, Laurie Mier, Larry Fyan, Mike Tremblay, Max Prosser, Jeanne Hayes, Michelle Horning, Danny Pratt, Matt Bellish, Tammy Newsom, Meagan Little, Ellen Kulich, Lucky Gunther and Toye Sheldon.

46 Years Ago
October 25, 1962

Another new business has blossomed in Grayling, the R & H Sport Center, operated by Raymond Pease at his home at 107 Lake Street. R & H will feature gun repair, reel repair and the ability to order new guns and loading equipment. The sport center is presently located in the Pease basement, but plans are to build a shop at the rear of the house in the spring.

The Frederic Fire Department received its first call to duty on Friday at 12:30 a.m., on Oct. 19, to extinguish a fire at Brownie's Cabins in Frederic. The blaze was brought under control within eight minutes of the department's arrival. Due to a misunderstanding, the Grayling Fire Department was also called, but the fire was already under control when the Grayling department arrived. Of the seven cabins owned by the Raymond Browns, one was completely burned and another had extensive water damage.

The junior class won the float contest in the homecoming parade with their sphinx, the seniors were second with a crown float and the ninth grade had a fairy tale float. The judges for the floats were John Alef and Glen

Students nominated for Student of the Month for September at Grayling Middle School were Kevin Austin, Jennifer Ventline, Tracy Levandowski, Leann

Sawyer, of Grayling State Bank, and Grayling City Manager Harold Cliff.

69 Years Ago
October 26, 1939

On Tuesday, the fire siren was moved from the local telephone office to the city hall and now it is sounded at noon and 5 p.m. instead of noon and 6 p.m.

"Mac" MacGinnis of Houghton Lake has rented the small store formerly occupied by Esbern Olson and will soon open a hamburger shop there.

On Saturday, Oct. 21, Coach Cornell's football squad played Onaway on the local gridiron. After the smoke of the battle had cleared, Grayling was found perched on the short end of a 20-0 game.

The old telephone directory is now obsolete. In its place is a new directory with every number changed. The new dial phone system went into operation at 9 a.m. There will be no telephone girl to answer "number please" and you will have to do your own calling.

92 Years Ago
October 26, 1916

Much excitement was caused at City Restaurant on Sunday around 6 p.m. when the gasoline tank of the coffee urn exploded. An alarm was sounded in District 1 and the fire department responded, but the flames had been extinguished by a fire extinguisher belonging to Olaf Sorenson and Son, which Arthur McIntyre quickly applied. No serious damage was done.

Popcorn Caramel Apples

Great Fall Treat!

Ingredients:

- 1 quart popped popcorn
- 1 (9.5 oz.) package caramels, unwrapped (35 caramels)
- 1/4 cup light cream or "half and half"
- 4 lollipop sticks (or wooden candy apple sticks)
- 4 apples
- 1/2 cup chocolate chips
- Sugar sprinkles

Directions: Place popcorn in a large bowl; set aside. Place a sheet of waxed paper on work surface. Heat caramels and cream in a small sauce pan over medium-low heat. Stir until caramels are melted and cream is blended into caramels. Push a stick into an apple center and dip into caramel. Spoon caramel over apple to coat completely. Place caramel-coated apple into bowl of popcorn and press popcorn onto caramel to cover completely. Place apple on waxed paper to set; repeat with remaining apples. Place chocolate chips in a small, resealable plastic bag. Microwave 10 seconds and press chips to aid melting. Repeat, heating at 10-second intervals, until chips are completely melted. Cut a small corner off bag and squeeze chocolate onto each apple, allowing chocolate to drip down sides. Sprinkle with sugar sprinkles. To serve, cut apple into slices.

Makes 4 Apples

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Popcorn Caramel Apples

Great Fall Treat!

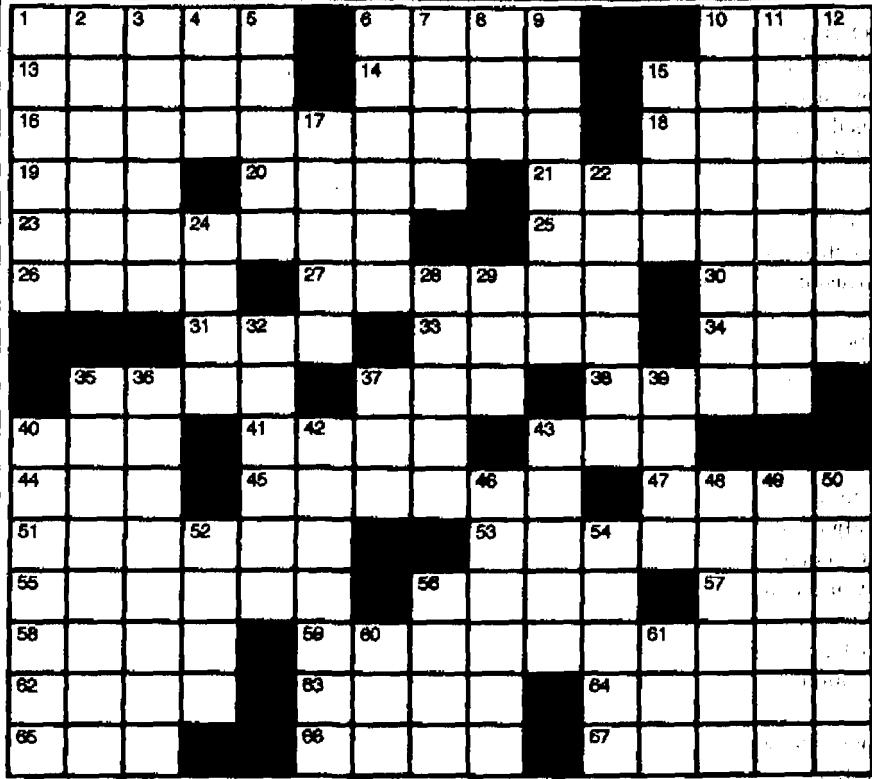
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CROSSWORD



Across

- Nada
- Page
- Shorten, in a way
- "Haste makes waste," e.g.
- Affirm
- Container weight
- Most advanced group in an activity
- The "A" of ABM
- Deck (out)
- Nonexistent
- Oppenes
- Masses of ice and snow permanently covering a large area of land
- Listening to Muzak, maybe
- Greek sandwich
- Large Old World boa
- tzu
- Dot yourself
- Maori warfdance
- Advantages
- Gp. with Indonesia and Algeria as members
- Undertake, with "out"
- Contact, e.g.
- "Dilbert" cartoonist Scott Adams has one: Abbr.
- Not fake or counterfeit
- "Acid"
- Clairvoyance, e.g.
- Very cheap
- Energetic
- Ancient upright stone slab bearing markings
- Drinking mug in the shape of a stout man with a three-cornered hat
- Long brightly colored shawl
- Bit of dust
- Calamity
- Part of a nuclear arsenal, for short
- Put back together
- Succulent plant
- fruit

Down

- Rubenesque
- Extreme mental retardation
- Bigger
- Computer Generated Imagery
- Reddish brown
- Brave or tough
- "... there is no ___ angel but Love": Shakespeare
- Dusk, to Donne
- Cook beforehand
- Stringed instrument related to the lute
- Brownish Old World bunting often eaten as a delicacy
- Eccentrics
- Hyperbolic tangent
- Small freshwater fish
- Chronicles
- The "C" in U.P.C.
- Certain sorority member
- Pillbox, e.g.
- Polarfregion
- Roadblock
- Newspaper deliverer
- "___ Cried" (1962 hit)
- Irascible
- Jesus Christ
- Make happy
- Takes illegally
- Drooping of the upper eyelid
- Algonquian language
- Passage between the pharynx and the stomach
- Lookers
- Flimsy, as an excuse
- Complaints
- Washington locale, with "the"
- "I" problem
- Big Apple attraction, with "the"

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WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	Last Week			Extended Forecast										
	H	L	Rain inches	Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Monday		Tuesday
10/14	80	47	0.08											
10/15	58	38	0											
10/16	52	41	0.14	High 51	High 53	High 51	High 51	High 51	High 49	High 45	High 45	High 45	High 45	High 45
10/17	51	26	0	Low 28	Low 36	Low 36	Low 32	Low 29						
10/18	54	27	0.13											
10/19	55	36	0	Party Cloudy	Few Showers	Few Showers	Few Showers	Showers						
10/20	57	41	0.10											

FIND THE TWINS
WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

HIDDEN PICTURE

SEEK AND FIND
FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

AQUARIUS	GEMINI	SAGITTARIUS
ARIES	LEO	TAURUS
CANCER	PISCES	SCORPIO
CAPRICORN		

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HOBOSCOPE
For the week of October 23, 2008

CAPRICORN December 22–January 19	ARIES March 21–April 19	TAURUS May 20–May 20	SCORPIO July 23–August 22	SAGITTARIUS November 22–December 21
Upheaval is all around you, but lucky for you, Aries, it does not involve you. Watch, listen and learn. The scary part is over. A business meeting ends well.	Look out, Cancer. Money woes lessen, a health scare ends and love becomes spell-binding. Do something fun to celebrate this new phase of life.	Move over, Leo. Your moment is the spotlight has come to an end and there will be more thrills another day. A change in the weather provokes a change in attitude.	Magic weaves its way into your life and things gone sour begin to look up. A blast from the past rolls into town in the nick of time. Spooky, Virgo!	You always thought saving for a rainy day would be a challenge, but something clicks this week and it becomes a snap for you, Libra. You may just meet your goals after all.
AQUARIUS January 20–February 18	PISCES February 19–March 20	GEMINI May 21–June 21	VIRGO August 23–September 22	LEO September 23–October 22
Expectations are flying high, perhaps a little too high. Aquarius. Aim lower and others will not disappoint you. A budget check reveals a little something extra.	You may not think so, but life is exactly as it should be. Stop complaining and start seeing all of the good things you have going, Pisces.	Show the world what you've got. Vacation plans lead you on the path of self-discovery. Bon voyage and good luck! Aries.	Magic weaves its way into your life and things gone sour begin to look up. A blast from the past rolls into town in the nick of time. Spooky, Virgo!	Something extraordinary is about to happen, Sagittarius. Have fun. The chase for a collectible has a surprise ending. How lucky can you be.

FOR ENTHUSIASTS ONLY

3. Employment

PAID ON-CALL FIREFIGHTERS WANTED The Grayling Fire Department is currently accepting applications for paid on-call firefighters. All persons who wish to apply may pick up an application at the Grayling Fire Department located at 1041 City Blvd., next to City Hall, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or call 348-6319 if you have any questions. All applicants must be able to pass background check, physical agility test and medical evaluation before being hired. No experience or training is necessary. Applications will be accepted until Friday, November 7, 2008, at 4:30 p.m. (-23-30/3)

4. Services Offered

SNOWPLOWING Residential, M-72 West, Grayling area. Call 989-619-9874. (10/23/08tygd/4)

RTH HOME IMPROVEMENT all your interior and exterior needs. Garages, additions, drywall, painting, roofing, siding, decks, and more. Licensed and insured, free estimates. Rob Harrington 989-344-1383. (-9/16/04tf/4)

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FOUR Blonde high back spindle 51" bar stools, \$200. 348-5568, evenings. (-23/5)

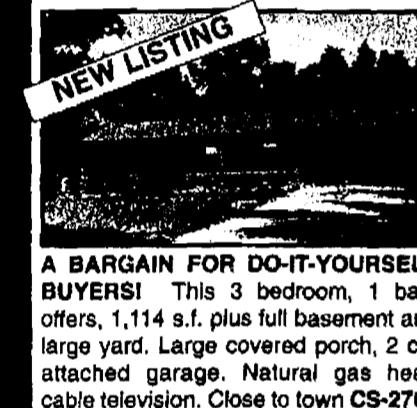
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Community College
10775 N. St. Helen Road
Roscommon, MI 48653

Kirtland Community College is seeking a knowledgeable volunteer to assist with recruiting athletes for the 2009 cross country season. Appropriate travel expenses for recruitment trips will be reimbursed. Interested individuals should submit a letter or email indicating their interest and qualifications to:

Dale Shantz,
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Roscommon, MI 48653;
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I	C	E	C	A	S	O	N	H	O
G	Y	R	O	P	T	H	O	N	A
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8. Announcements

GRAYLING'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WALK 2008 will be Saturday, November 15, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mark your calendar! (-23-30/6)

MIP and anger management programs. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (10/11/07tf/8)

AUSABLE VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER Will hold its Annual Meeting of the Membership on Saturday, November 8, 2008, at 4 p.m., Crawford County Fairgrounds, 5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling. Election of one new board member will be held. For information, call Cheryl at 348-1429. (-23/8)

PROPANE COST HAS DECREASED We appreciate our customers and effective October 13, 2008, will pass this on to all. This propane decrease includes our customers who previously enrolled in one of our price protection plans. This is subject to change at any time but we will do our best to keep your propane cost down. Thank you for your business. Fick & Sons Inc. (10/16/08tf/8)

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7. Miscellaneous

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8. Announcements

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CONGRATULATIONS JORDEN WAKELEY on graduating boot camp at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, and setting a record on your running. We are all so very proud of you.

We love you and can't wait until December when you come home for a few weeks. Love, Dad, Mom, Courtney, Kyle, G-ma Carol, G-ma Sharon, Aunt Amy, Uncle Scott, Naomi, Noah, Uncle Mike, Aunt Jenny, Cameron, Colbie, Cassie, Brandon, Uncle Kevin and Aunt Deb. (-23/9)

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11. Automotive

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10. Garage Sale
MOVING SALE October 23, 24 and 25th, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Furniture, antiques and NASCAR stuff. 2178 Viking Way, Grayling. (-23/10)

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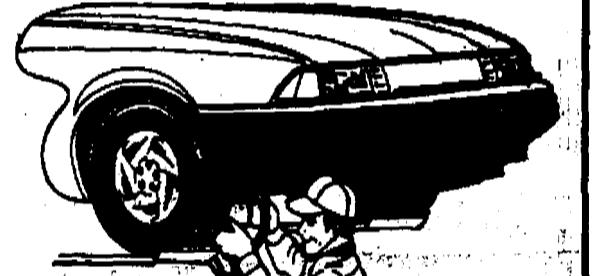
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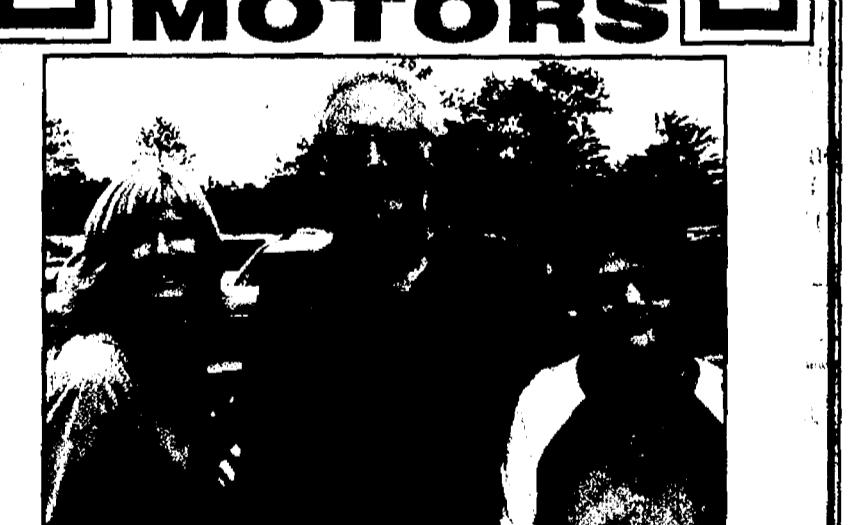
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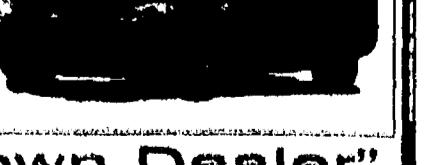
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